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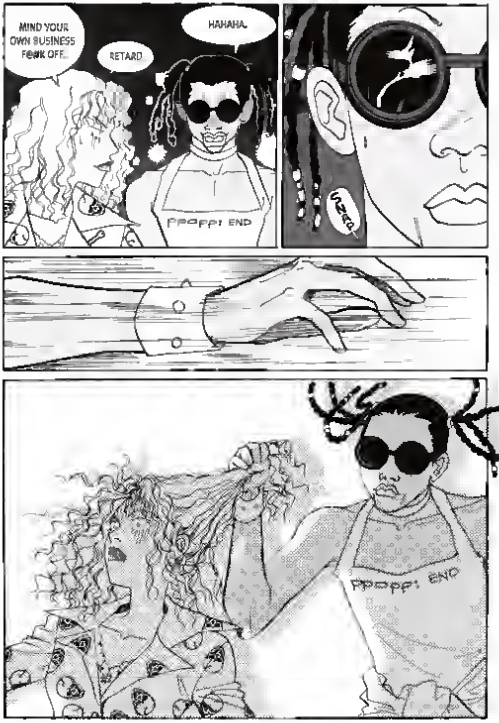
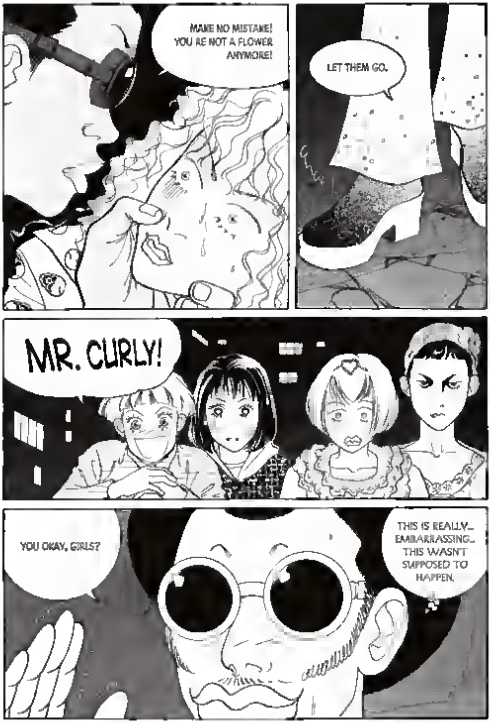
THESE CHICKS SEEM TO BE MAKING A MESS OF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD... GOD...THEY'RE LOUD...
THIS IS A NEWLY REGISTERED AREA, THAT'S WHY. THEY'RE JUST IRONING OUT A FEW KINKS.
ppopp! END
HELP! THESE THUGS ARE KILLING PEOPLE HERE! AHHH~!
HUH? WAIT A MINUTE...
HEY! LET GO! YOU RE THE ONE WHO S DOING THE KILLING!
CHOI
THAT FACE... IT'S DIAMOND!
AND YOUNGSOON KYOO AND DALI NAM!

I'M RIGHT IT'S DIAMOND HEART, AND CLUB! IT'S THE FOUR CARDS, FOR SURE!
FOUR CARDS... THE UNDERLINGS THAT WORK FOR THE SPOUT GANG WH, WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON?
DO YOU KNOW WHO WE ARE? STOP BEING A SMART ASS
WHAT ARE THEY HERE FOR?
WHATEVER THEIR MOTIVES ARE, ONE THING S CERTAIN
EVERYTHING THE SPOUT GANG DOES IS THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF HOW WE DO THINGS IN THE CURLY FAMILY.
HUH? BUT I... HEARD THEY... CHEW RAZORS
BRO YOU SURE YOU'RE THE MEMBER OF THE CURLY GANG?
A GANG SOLDIER LIKE YOU WON'T UNDERSTAND FOR SOMEONE LIKE MYSELF, OUR FACE IS OUR LIFE!

OW!
YOU F@#KING SHIT! YOU'RE GETTING IN THE WAY, YOU BITCH! THIS COULD HAVE BEEN A SMOOTH OPERATION IF YOU DIDN'T BUTT IN!
TALA!
PPOPPI!
I LOOKS LIKE THE FOUR CARDS ARE DONE AND OVER WITH
WHY ARE SPOUT FLOWERS LIKE YOURSELVES DOING THIS SORT OF LOWLIFE SHIT? YOU WERE SO CONFIDENT WHEN YOU STARTED, AND NOW YOU'VE STOOPED TO STREET FIGHTING?

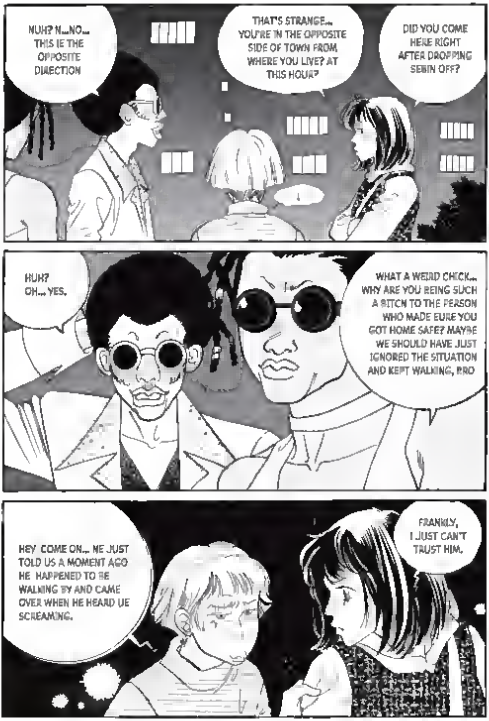

MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS FOOK OFF..
RETARD
HAHAHA.
PPAPP! END
USED.
PPAPP! END


MAKE NO MISTAKE! YOU ARE NOT A FLOWER ANYMORE!
LET THEM GO.
MR. CURLY!
YOU OKAY, GIRLS?
THIS IS REALLY... EMBARRASSING... THIS WASN'T SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN.

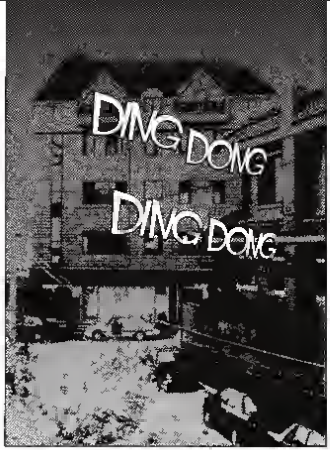
GO ON IN!
THANK YOU SO MUCH MR. CURLY! I'LL NEVER FORGET THIS AS LONG AS I LIVE!

YOU SAVED OUR LIVES!
OH... PLEASE STOP. YOU'RE MISS SERIN'S FRIENDS, OF COURSE I HAD TO HELP YOU GIRLS OUT.

YOU LIVE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD?


NUH? N...NO... THIS IS THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION
THAT'S STRANGE... YOU'RE IN THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF TOWN FROM WHERE YOU LIVE? AT THIS HOUR?
DID YOU COME HERE RIGHT AFTER DROPPING SEBIN OFF?
HUH? OH... YES.
WHAT A WEIRD CHICK... WHY ARE YOU BEING SUCH A BITCH TO THE PERSON WHO MADE SURE YOU GOT HOME SAFE? MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE JUST IGNORED THE SITUATION AND KEPT WALKING, BRO
HEY COME ON... HE JUST TOLD US A MOMENT AGO HE HAPPENED TO BE WALKING BY AND CAME OVER WHEN HE HEARD UE SCREAMING.
FRANKLY, I JUST CAN'T TRUST HIM.

GUESS YOU CAN'T HANG OUT WHEREVER YOU WANT ANYMORE, BRO. NEXT TIME, DON'T VENTURE INTO THIS SIDE OF TOWN, OKAY? WITH THESE HOSTILE NEIGHBORS, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO COME OVER TO MY PLACE EVER AGAIN.
MR. CURLY, I'LL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOU THROUGH SEBIN!
THIS WAS NOT SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN... THINGS TOOK A WRONG TURN HERE.
LET'S GO
ppop
I'M SORRY! MY FRIEND HERE IS STILL GETTING OVER THE SHOCK. SHE'S NOT IN HER RIGHT STATE OF MIND...
HOPE YOU GET HOME SAFELY! THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TODAY! BYE~! YOU CAN HANG OUT WITH US ANYTIME!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
NO... THIS ISN'T IT...
THIS WASN'T SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN... WHAT SHOULD I DO? NOW I'M GOOD AS DEAD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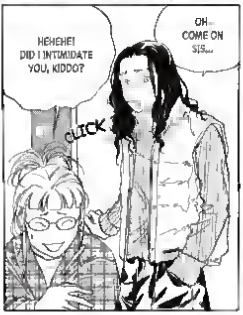
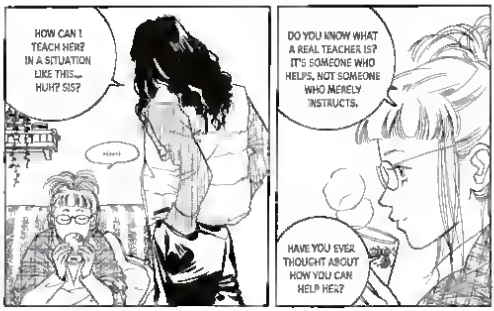
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE AT THIS TIME OF THE NIGHT...HANDSOME? YOU'RE MAKING MADAME BOVARY'S HEART FLUTTER...

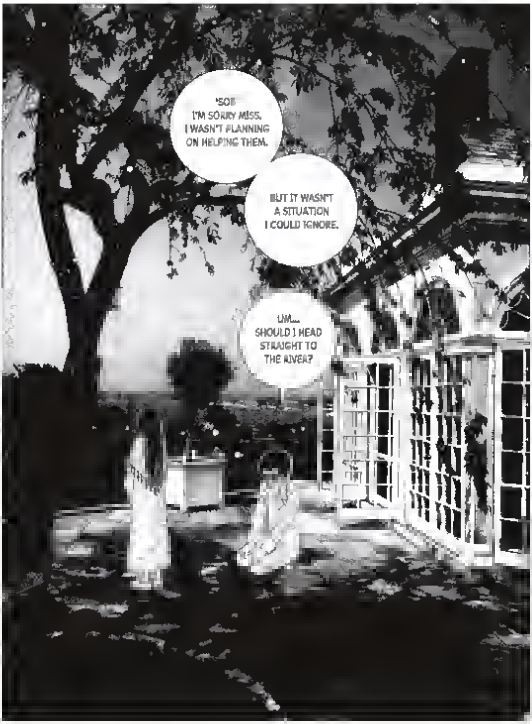

OH... COME ON SIS...
HEHEHE! DID I INTIMIDATE YOU, KIDDO?
CLICK

THE RASCALS ARE ASLEEP...
OF COURSE, IT'S CLOSE TO MIDNIGHT
SNORE

PU HA HA HA !
OH, COME ON! YOU'LL WAKE THE KIDS UP
WOW... CUTE, REALLY CUTE... SO YOU CAN'T SLEEP BECAUSE YOU'RE AFRAID OF SCHOOL GIRLS? BECAUSE YOU'RE TOO FRIGHTENED TO GO TO SCHOOL?
HE HE HE
THESE DAYS, LIFE'S LIKE A TANK JUST ITCHING FOR A FULL-BLOWN ATTACK. DOESN'T MATTER WHERE OR WHEN. I'M AFRAID TO SAY ANYTHING..
SO YOU TREATED HER LIKE A KID? WEARING YOUR TEACHER'S HAT?
WHEN I WAS AT THAT AGE, I DIDN'T THINK THAT I WAS A KID. I WILL NEVER LOOK DOWN ON HER BECAUSE SHE'S YOUNG... BUT I THINK TREATING STUDENTS LIKE FRIENDS REALLY BACKFIRED ON ME...


HOW CAN I TEACH HER? IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS... HUH? SIS?
HMMM
DO YOU KNOW WHAT A REAL TEACHER IS? IT'S SOMEONE WHO HELPS, NOT SOMEONE WHO MERELY INSTRUCTS.
HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT HOW YOU CAN HELP HER?

I SEE...!
WHAT A SHAMEFUL THING TO DO... I ONLY THOUGHT ABOUT THE INCONVENIENCE ON MY PART ...I NEVER EVEN CONSIDERED HER...
I WANTED HER TO ACCEPT THINGS LIKE AN ADULT WHILE I WAS THE ONE WHO ACTED ANNOYED LIKE A LITTLE CHILD...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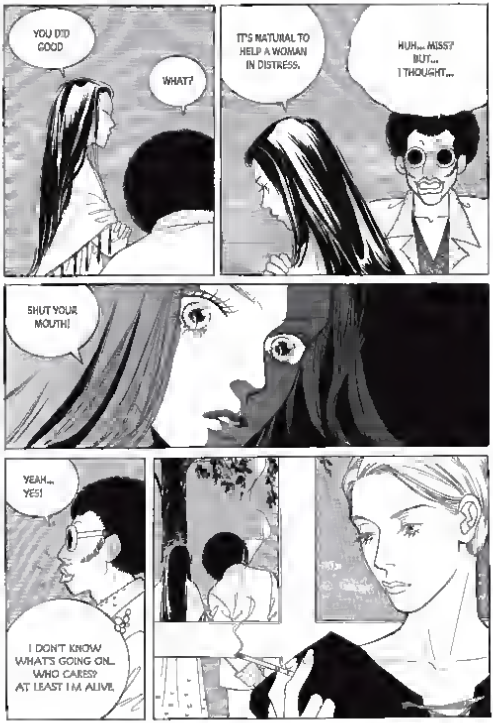
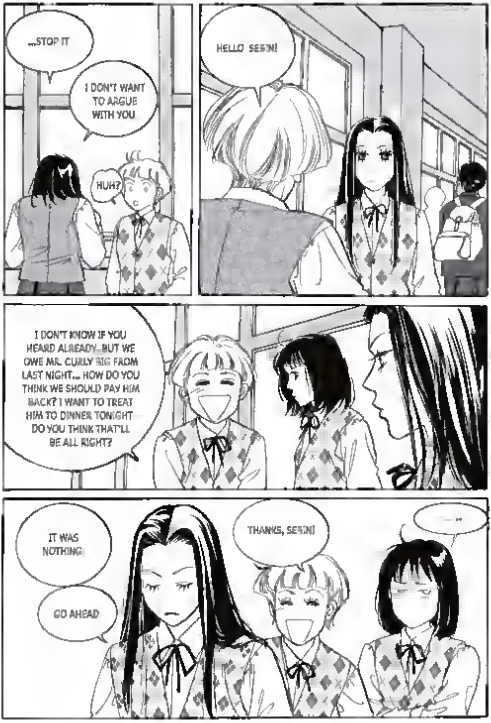
I'M SORRY MISS. I WASN'T PLANNING ON HELPING THEM.
BUT IT WASN'T A SITUATION I COULD IGNORE.
UM... SHOULD I HEAD STRAIGHT TO THE RIVER?


YOU DID GOOD
WHAT?
IT'S NATURAL TO HELP A WOMAN IN DISTRESS.
HUH... MISS? BUT... I THOUGHT...
SHUT YOUR MOUTH!
YEAH... YES!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON... WHO CARES? AT LEAST I'M ALIVE.

HEY DALI NAM! ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP BEING SO WEIRD?
DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING JUST A BIT OVERBOARD? TOO MUCH SUSPICION IS A MENTAL DISEASE IN ITSELF.
I THOUGHT ABOUT IT ALL NIGHT...AND SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT!
SO ACCORDING TO YOU, SERIN SET THE WHOLE THING UP. THEN IS SHE RETARDED? SHE'S BLOWING HER COVER BY EXPOSING MR. CURLY.
DON'T BE SO PARANOID.
YOU SAW IT YOUSELF LAST NIGHT... THOSE GIRLS KNEW THAT GUY POOF! HE WAS A PART OF THEIR GANG!
MAYBE THEY COULD BE ONE OF THE GROUPS RUN BY SERIN'S FAMILY JUST LIKE THE RUMORS SAY. MAFIA OR WHATEVER.
BUT THEY'RE THE ONES WHO HELPED US. WE WERE ABLE TO GO HOME IN ONE PIECE! YOU NEVER EVEN SAID THANK YOU. THAT'S NOT RIGHT.


...STOP IT
I DON'T WANT TO ARGUE WITH YOU
HUH?
HELLO SERINI
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HEARD ALREADY... BUT WE OWE MR. CURLY 'EG FROM LAST NIGHT... HOW DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD PAY HIM BACK? I WANT TO TREAT HIM TO DINNER TONIGHT. DO YOU THINK THAT'LL BE ALL RIGHT?
IT WAS NOTHING.
GO AHEAD
THANKS, SERINI
...

CUP NOODLES
HEY DALI! HEARD YOU OWE PRINCESS SEHN BIG TIME!
HUH?
HM? WHY IS YOUR EYEBROW CURLING UP LIKE THAT? YOU HAVING MOOD SWINGS? THE NEWS IS ALL OVER SCHOOL...
GRRR... YOUNGSOON AYOO!
WHY DO YOU GET SO RILED UP WHEN IT COMES TO HER? ARE YOU AND HER FAMILY SWORN ENEMIES OR SOMETHING?
STOP IT.

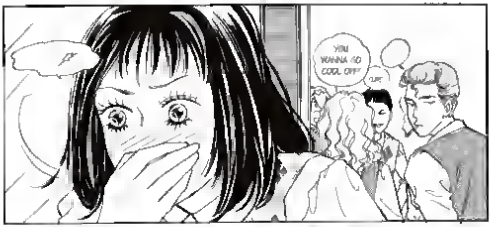
I FEEL BAD, THAT'S WHY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT WENT WRONG, BUT I KNOW SERIN'S A DECENT KID.
YOU'RE NOT THE TYPE WHO JUDGES A BOOK BY ITS COVER.
IN A WAY, YOU TWO HAVE A LOT IN COMMON...
BLAH
BLAH
BLAH
ROCKY CHOI?
YOU ANGRY? YOU CALLED ME BY MY FULL NAME...
THEY'RE ALL TALKING ABOUT US!

HEY, IT'S NOTHING TO BE PROUD OF WHY ARE YOU TELLING EVERYBODY ABOUT IT?
WHAT DID I DO? I ONLY TOLD ROCKY, SANGHYUNG, HYUNSOO AND YOUNGJOO...
OF COURSE THE NEWS WILL SPREAD LIKE A VIRUS...
SIGH
TOO MUCH IMAGINATION ISN'T GOOD-ESPECIALLY REGARDING YOUR FANTASY-LADEN SUSPICIONS OF PEOPLE.

I WAS BEING TOO MUCH, WASN'T I TEACHER...
INSTEAD OF SAYING THANK YOU I GOT DEFENSIVE.
YOU SHOULD TELL THE PERSON INVOLVED DIRECTLY... I CAN'T DELIVER THE MESSAGE FOR YOU
HONESTLY... MY HEAD AND MY HEART DON'T SEEM TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT... I FEEL BAD—BUT AT THE SAME TIME, I CAN'T SHAKE MY SUSPICIONS OFF...
FROM SEBIN'S POINT OF VIEW... I DID SOMETHING NASTY TO HER.
YOUR SELF-EXAMINATION IS CLEAR, SO WHY ARE YOU HESITATING? IT'S NOT LIKE YOU DALI...
DESPITE THE ENVIRONMENT HE'S IN, MR. CURLY IS A DECENT MAN...

SOMEHOW WHEN YOU SAY THAT I FEEL SAD AND HURT TEACHER...
THE EXPECTATION THAT YOU'D BE ON MY SIDE EVEN WHEN OTHERS TELL ME THAT I'VE DONE WRONG, YOU KNOW...
AM I BEING UNREALISTIC?
I THOUGHT ALL MY HAIR WAS GONNA GET PULLED OUT.
WAS SEEKING CONSOLATION BUT I'M MORE MISERABLE THAN EVER. STUPID... SHOULD HAVE SEEN IT COMING.
SHIN

SO FPOPPI IS HIS NAME?
YEAH, THAT FIMMER USED TO FOLLOW DIAMOND AROUND LIKE CRAZY
I NEVER IMAGINED HE'D POP OUT OF NOWHERE AND START PULLING MY HAIR.
NICE WORK, HERE-
THIS SHOULD BE ENOUGH.
THANKS! NEXT TIME, I'LL GET THE JOB DONE RIGHT
JUST YOU WAIT THEY'LL REGRET THAT THEY EVER LAID A FINGER ON YOU.
YOU'RE THE BEST!


YOU WANNA GO COOL OFF?
CUR

HEH!

IT WAS BULGOO..?! SO THE PERSON WHO SET US UP WASN'T THE SPOILED PRINCESS AT ALL
WHAT.. HAVE I DONE?
I EVEN ACCUSED HER IN FRONT OF THE TEACHER..
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO DALI NAM?!

ANYWAY, THAT GUY THAT WAS STANDING NEXT TO PPOPPI, HIS NAME'S MR. CURLY. HE'S THE PRINCESS' CHAUFFEUR. I'VE SEEN HIM AT THE SCHOOL GATE A FEW TIMES. THE GUY STANDS OUT, YOU KNOW. WHAT BROTHERS ME IS WHY THEY WERE TOGETHER. I HEARD PPOPPI CALL HIM BRO, SO THEY MUST BE REAL CLOSE. HE'S PART OF SEIJIN JO'S CURLY GANG, ISN'T HE?
SEIJIN'S THE DAUGHTER OF THE CURLY GANG BOSS. SUPPOSEDLY SHE HAS HIM WRAPPED AROUND HER LITTLE FINGER. HEARD SHE'S OUR AGE...
IF SOMETHING SMELLS FUNNY, IT'S WISE TO JUST LEAVE IT ALONE. IF YOU TOUCH IT THE WRONG WAY, YOU'LL GET HURT... TAKE CARE... THEY'RE BOTH TOO MUCH FOR US TO HANDLE ANYWAY

THE SPOILED PRINCESS?

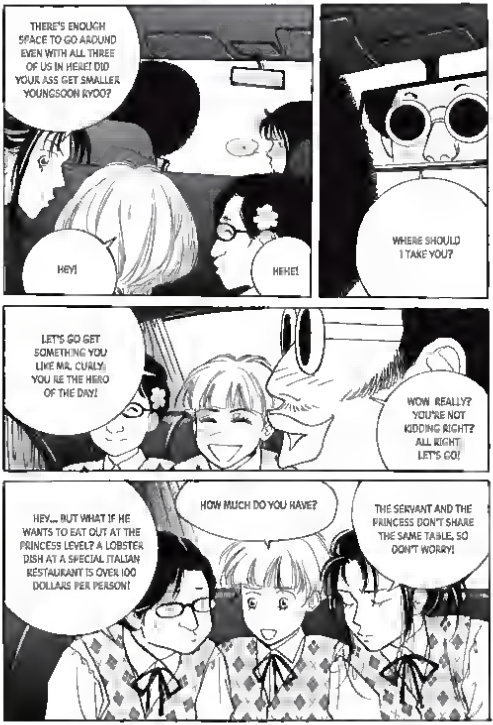
KISS 3: WHAT A FEELING!

WHEW
YOU WERE PRETTY GOOD.
YOU EMBARRASS ME.
THE STRONGER
ONE MORE THING.
YES! PLEASE TELL ME.
MAKE SURE YOU DON'T GET ON THE PRINCESS' NERVES. KEEP YOUR KIDS MOUTHS SHUT.
BEEP
TELL HER TO COME IN
YES BOSS!
CLICK
GASP
SAY HELLO. THIS IS SPADE, ONE OF FOUR CARDS' FLOWERS.

HI~!
I'M SPADE. NICE TO MEET YOU!
HE...HELLO! MISS... SPADE! IT'S AN HONOR TO MEET YOU!
HEHE... SO CUTE!
SHE'S THE TOP ACE OF ALL THE FORMER FOUR CARDS GIRLS! IT'S BEEN A WEEK SINCE SHE GOT HERE FROM NEW YORK. SHE'S 18. SAME AGE AS YOU MAYBE...?
SHE, SHE'S A REAL BEAUTY!
IMPRESSIVE! I HEARD THE MOUTH GANG PLAYS AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL. IT WAS TRUE!
HE REALLY FELL FOR YOU LIKE LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT!
HE HE~
GIGGLE

AH... THIS IS TRULY A PERFECT FACE.
MR. CURLY!
OH... YOUNGSOON RYOO...
...AND HER GROUP
HELLO! SIR! WE MEET AGAIN
THANK YOU FOR HELPING OUT OUR FRIENDS! AS A TOKEN OF OUR GRATITUDE, WE DECIDED TO TAG ALONG TOO!
LET'S GO EAT SOMETHING GOOD
CEEZ... I AM... EMBARRASSED...
ANYWAY, HOP IN, MISS SEE'N LET ME USE THE CAR FOR TODAY.
WOW, SHE'S SO COOL!

BUT, MR. PYOPYI ISN'T HERE.
HE HAD SOMETHING TO DO TODAY.
BUT SISTER DALI ISN'T HERE EITHER.
SHE HAD SOMETHING TO DO TOO... HAHAHA...
WE'RE TREATING YOU TO DINNER INSTEAD, HAHAHA...
THE CAR'S BIG ENOUGH FOR US AND FATTY YOUNGSOON...
DALI!
I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU HAD TO HELP YOUR MOTHER. I GUESS YOU WORKED IT OUT? THAT'S GREAT. NOW WE CAN ALL GO TOGETHER. HAHAHA...
TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT NEXT TIME. HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO USE THAT HELPING THE MOTHER STORY?
WHY... YOU...
I MANAGED TO COME UP WITH AN EXCUSE AND YOU RUINED IT...


THERE'S ENOUGH SPACE TO GO AROUND EVEN WITH ALL THREE OF US IN HERE! DID YOUR ASS GET SMALLER YOUNGSOON RYOO?
HEY!
HEHE!
WHERE SHOULD I TAKE YOU?
LET'S GO GET SOMETHING YOU LIKE MR. CURLY! YOU'RE THE HERO OF THE DAY!
WOW REALLY? YOU'RE NOT KIDDING RIGHT? ALL RIGHT LET'S GO!
HEY... BUT WHAT IF HE WANTS TO EAT OUT AT THE PRINCESS LEVEL? A LOBSTER DISH AT A SPECIAL ITALIAN RESTAURANT IS OVER 100 DOLLARS PER PERSON!
HOW MUCH DO YOU HAVE?
THE SERVANT AND THE PRINCESS DON'T SHARE THE SAME TABLE, SO DON'T WORRY!

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GO HOME AFTER SENDING MR. CURLY AWAY? YOU'VE... NEVER USED PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BEFORE. LET'S TAKE A CAB, I'LL GO WITH YOU.
DO I LOOK LIKE AN IDIOT WHO CAN'T FIND MY WAY HOME TO YOU?
I JUST WANT TO BE WITH YOU, THAT'S WHY
...I TOLD YOU I REALLY DON'T LIKE YOU.

WHY AM I HIDING?
THAT'S OKAY I KNOW IT'S JUST BECAUSE YOU STILL DON'T KNOW ME VERY WELL...
DO YOU KNOW WHAT A TEACHER IS? IT'S SOMEONE WHO HELPS NOT SOMEONE WHO MERELY INSTRUCTS.
HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT HOW YOU CAN HELP HER?
...
SEIRIH...

MR. ORION!
AH... YOU BUSY? IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOU'RE READY TO GO HOME.
I THOUGHT ASSIGNING HOMEWORK IS A TEACHER'S GOD-GIVEN DUTY... IT LOOKS WORSE THAN WHAT YOU GUYS HAVE TO GO THROUGH, DOESN'T IT? LOOK AT ALL THIS... PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OR WHATEVER THEY CALL IT...
I'M WAITING MORE REPORTS NOW THAN I EVER DID IN COLLEGE.
MAYBE YOU RE BEING PUNISHED FOR NOT DOING YOUR HOMEWORK IN THE PAST, HEHE...
HAHA... MAYBE.
HERE, TAKE MY KEYS. IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE LATE, SO DON'T STARVE. ORDER SOMETHING.

I'M GOING BACK HOME TODAY, TEACHER! MY FATHER FINALLY WENT ON A BUSINESS TRIP! FOR 6 MONTHS! HAHAHA! YOU CAN CALM ANY STORM IN 6 MONTHS, DON'T YOU THINK? I WILL NEVER FORGET HOW YOU SAVED MY LIFE DURING THIS TIME OF UNREST!
FOR SOME REASON... I FEEL SAD...
YOU TOO, TEACHER? SO FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS I DECIDED TO TREAT YOU TO A DRINK...
SIGH~ IT'S NOT LIKE I'M BREAKING UP WITH A BOYFRIEND BUT WHAT'S WITH THE STRANGE FEELING?
WHAT? WHY YOU LITTLE...
OH COME ON, WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY BEING SO PRIM AND PROPER?

WOW, THIS IS SO GOOD! DEFINITELY EXCELLENT, THE BEST OF THE BEST!
King of Hotpot!!
EMPEROR RICE CAKE STEW
EMPEROR RICE CAKE STEW! THIS IS A WORK OF ART!
I NEVER HAD RICE CAKE STEW SO GOOD MR. CURLY!
REAL GOOD.
HEY, CAN I HAVE 3 MORE ORDERS HERE, AND...
CAN I HAVE FISHBALL SOUP AND DON'T GO EASY ON THE GREEN ONIONS!
I'M IN MISS SERIN'S EMPLOY ALL THANKS TO THIS RICE CAKE STEW. SHE BECAME FRIENDLY WITH ME AFTER FALLING IN LOVE WITH THESE TASTY DISHES.
SNIFF

HUH? THE EPOTLED PRINCESS EATING RICE CAKE STEW? NO... NOT HERE... NOT FROM PLATES OTHER PEOPLE HAVE EATEN OUT OF I HEARD SHE NEVER USES THE SAME CHOPSTICKS TWICE.
SANGHYUNG TOOK HER TO THE PORK INTESTINE PLACE AND WAS HITCHED OUT BY HER. I CAN'T IMAGINE HER EATING SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
I CAN TELL FROM HER HOUSE THAT HER FATHER IS A BILLIONAIRE... BUT WHAT DOES HE REALLY DO? SEBIN'S FATHER, I MEAN...
A LOWLY CHAUFFEUR LIKE MYSELF DON'T KNOW NOTHING... I JUST WORK AND GET MY MONEY... I REALLY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING...
ANYONE WILL FALL IN LOVE WITH DELICIOUS FOOD LIKE THIS. JUST BE QUIET AND EAT.
WE'RE SO THANKFUL TO SEBIN SHE EVEN LENT US THE CAR...
BUT WHO'LL DRIVE HER AROUND IF MR. CURLY ISN'T THERE?
NOW I FEEL SAD.
SHE HAS SERVANTS ALL OVER THE PLACE. HER NUMBER ONE SERVANT HANGHYUNG SHIN-IS PROBABLY ATTENDING TO HER EVERY WHIM AS WE SPEAK.
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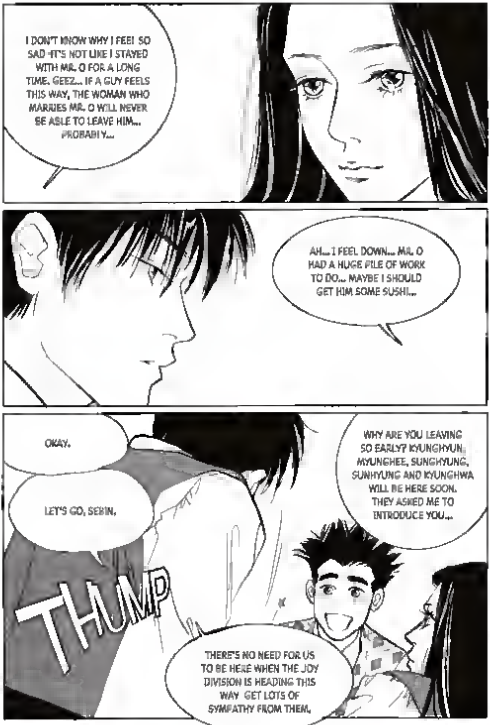
OF COURSE... HEHE...

WHAT'S WRONG?
THIS REALLY TASTES BAD. CURLY'S FAVORITE PLACE IS THE BEST
THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH SANITATION THERE, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO GET ME SICK. I TRIED MAKING THEIR DISHES AT HOME, BUT IT DOESN'T TASTE THE SAME
YOU MAKE SNACKS TOO? SOMETHING OTHER THAN REAL CUISINE?
I CAN MAKE ANYTHING THAT I'VE EVER EATEN, AND EVERYTHING ELSE AS LONG AS I HAVE A COOKBOOK.
I ADMIRE YOU, PRINCESS SERIN!
YOU KNOW, I FELT WEIRD WHEN I TOLD HIM THAT I'LL BE GOING HOME TODAY.
WHEN


I DON'T KNOW WHY I FEEL SO SAD -IT'S NOT LIKE I STAYED WITH MR. O FOR A LONG TIME. GEEZ... IF A GUY FEELS THIS WAY, THE WOMAN WHO MARRIES MR. O WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO LEAVE HIM... PROBABLY...
AH... I FEEL DOWN... MR. O HAD A HUGE PILE OF WORK TO DO... MAYBE I SHOULD GET HIM SOME SUSHI...
OKAY.
LET'S GO, SEBIN.
THUMP
WHY ARE YOU LEAVING SO EARLY? KYUNGHYUN, MYUNGHEE, SUNGHYUNG, SUNHYUNG AND KYUNGHWA WILL BE HERE SOON. THEY ASKED ME TO INTRODUCE YOU...
THERE'S NO NEED FOR US TO BE HERE WHEN THE JOY DIVISION IS HEADING THIS WAY. GET LOTS OF SYMPATHY FROM THEM.

I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM MEET A GIRL ONE-ON-ONE. AND THEY'RE NEVER OUR AGE, ALWAYS OLDER.
WHAT'S REALLY WEIRD IS THOSE GIRLS. DON'T YOU HATE GOING ON A GROUP DATE WITH A GUY YOU'RE CRUSHING ON? I'D WANT TO BE ALONE WITH THE PERSON I LIKE...
WARNER BROS

YOUR... SPEECH IS SERIOUS, BUT...
IT DOESN'T HAVE PASSION... YOU KNOW? YOUR FACE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SOMEONE IN LOVE.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?
SOMETHING LIKE THIS CAN'T BE EXPLAINED IN WORDS.
IDIOT!

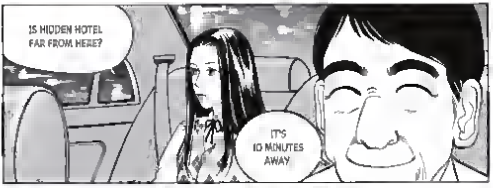
WHEN I'M WITH YOU... THE HEAT STARTS RISING INSIDE ME... UP TO MY EARS ..
A MAN AND A WOMAN ARE SUPPOSED TO BE DRAWN TO EACH OTHER BASED ON THE MERE FACT THAT THEY'RE MAN AND WOMAN.
EVEN IF IT'S TO THE SAME DEGREE, TOUCHING SOMEONE FROM THE OPPOSITE SEX IS SUPPOSED TO FEEL MUCH MORE ELECTRIFYING THAN TOUCHING SOMEONE FROM THE SAME SEX. BUT DESPITE THAT I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING FROM YOU. EVEN WHEN YOUR LIPS TOUCHED ME, I DIDN'T FEEL A SINGLE THRILL.
SANGHYUNG SHIN YOU ALREADY KNOW THIS, BUT I ONLY WANT ORION

...THIS ISN'T FUN. DON'T TELL ME THINGS I ALREADY KNOW
...GO HOME. I'VE LOST STEAM.
GO ALONE...

GIVE ME A CALL WHEN YOU GET HOME.
IF I DON'T FORGET.

VROOM

WHAT THE HELL DOES SHE MEAN ..? A SINGLE THRILL?...


IS HIDDEN HOTEL FAR FROM HERE?
IT'S 10 MINUTES AWAY.

TAKE ME TO HIDDEN, PLEASE.

Pine Kiss

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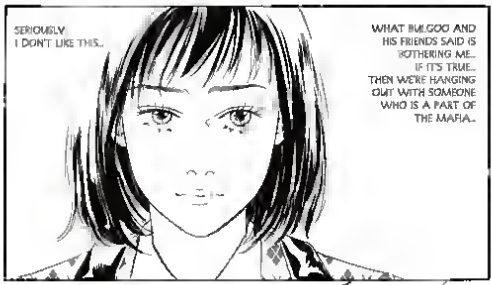
bop ···
aiyaiya.
do bop~
··bop-bop··♫··
YOU'RE COOL MR. CURLY!
I'M STARTING TO QUESTION YOUR JOB! ARE YOU A DANCER OR SOMETHING?
DANCE PERFORMANCE
Here we go!
I USED TO BE A FIXTURE IN NIGHTCLUBS IN THE PAST! I WAS POPULAR WITH THE OLD LADIES...

SO HE USED TO BE... A GIGOLO?
JUDGING BY THE STRANGE DANCE MOVES USING HIS BUTT...
YEAH, I CAN SEE THAT...

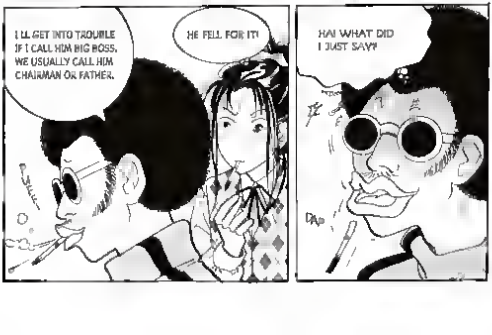

SERIOUSLY I DON'T LIKE THIS...
WHAT BULGOO AND HIS FRIENDS SAID IS BOTHERING ME... IF IT'S TRUE... THEN WE'RE HANGING OUT WITH SOMEONE WHO IS A PART OF THE MAFIA...

BEEP
THEY ALL REALLY DUG THIS SONG THE MOST

MY WOMAN, YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE
IN THIS WORLD FOR ME, THERE CAN BE NO OTHER~
I LOOK AT YOU AGAIN AND AGAIN, THIS WAY AND THAT WAY~
MICHAEL BOLSON'S "WHEN A MAN..." YOU KNOW IT?
SOUNDS LIKE A CHILDREN'S SONG... "THIS WAY AND THAT WAY"
OH, THIS SONG? IT'S MY MOM'S FAVORITE KARAOKE SONG! BUT THOSE AREN'T THE RIGHT LYRICS...
YOU CAN DEFINITELY TELL THE GENERATION GAP AT A KARAOKE HALL NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT A MAN IN HIS 50S.
HAH? I'M...ONLY TWENTY-TWO!
PWAH!
GASP
I'M GONNA GO DROP A LOAD BE RIGHT BACK.
WEIRD ATMOSPHERE
SHOOK SHOOK SHOOK WOMEN TURNED TO STONE

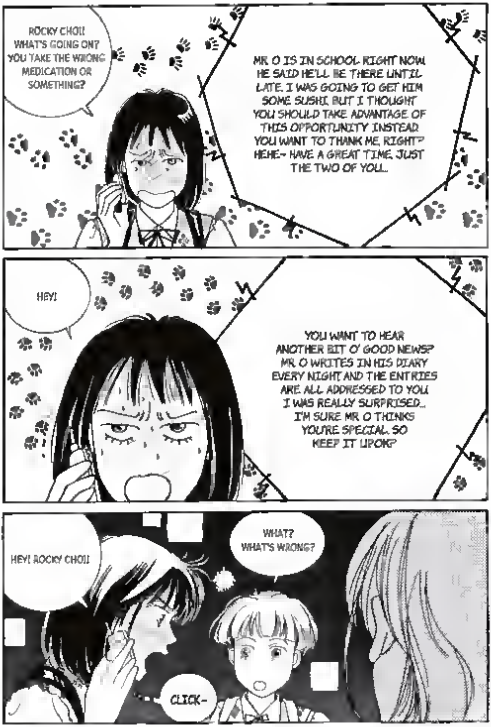
YOU'VE REACHED THE VOICE MAIL OF SEBIN JO.
EXIT
MISS, THIS IS CURLY. I AM WONDERING IF YOU MADE IT HOME SAFELY.
YOU KNOW IF BOSS... I MEAN YOUR FATHER FINDS OUT I'M DEAD, I'M DYING HERE MISS. WE'RE FINISHING UP NOW, SO AS SOON AS I AM DONE I'LL BE RIGHT OVER.
MEANWHILE, WHEN YOU GET THIS MESSAGE, PLEASE CALL ME BACK. PLEASE MISS!
WHEW... I'M FEELING A BIT UNEASY...
SIZZ
CAN I HAVE ONE TOO?
EH? A SCHOOL GIRL CAN SMOKE?
DID YOU HAVE YOUR FIRST PUFF WHEN YOU WERE 20?
HEHE. HERE, THIS IS MILD...
SIZZ
HA
I HAPPENED TO HEAR THAT THE CURLY GANG AND THE SPOUT GANG ARE THE TWO TOPS IN THE NATION
TWO... TOPS? AH.. MEANING THE TWO BEST? RIGHT! IT ALL MAKES SENSE. I'M SO SMART!
THE MOUTHS DON'T MEAN JACK!

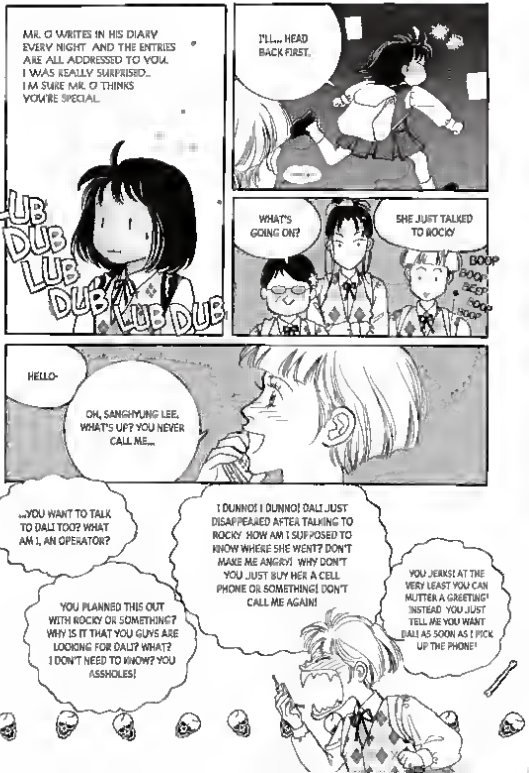
THEY SAY THAT THE CURLY GANG IS BEING PUSHED OUT OF ITS TERRITORY BY THE SPOUT GANG
HUH? WHO SAID THAT? US CURLY GANGSTAS WILL NEVER DIE!
THANKS TO THE HOLLYWOOD FILM, THIS IS ONE PHRASE I KNOW
YOU'RE TALKIN' 'BOUT THE BEST ORGANIZATION RUN BY NONE OTHER THAN THE MYTHICAL BIG BOSS OF THE JEUNGBAEK! IS US CURLY GANG! THE SPOUTS DON'T KNOW WHO THEY'RE UP AGAINST
DON'T YOU DARE COMPARE US WITH THEM, OK?
SO THE BIG BOSS IS SEBUN'S FATHER...


I'LL GET INTO TROUBLE IF I CALL HIM BIG BOSS. WE USUALLY CALL HIM CHAIRMAN OR FATHER.
HE FELL FOR IT!
HA! WHAT DID I JUST SAY?
PAP

UM... DON'T MISUNDERSTAND ME... MISS SESIN'S FATHER AND OUR BIG BOSS ARE TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE. I CALLED THE CHAIRMAN BIG BOSS BECAUSE WE'RE FROM THE SAME TOWN...
OK. DON'T WORRY I WON'T TAKE IT THE WRONG WAY
THE RUMORS WERE TRUE! THIS IS SCARY... IF EVERYTHING WERE TO BE REVEALED...
YOU TREATED US TO DINNER. THANK YOU MR. CURLY FOR GOING TO A PLACE WHERE WE FEEL COMFORTABLE... YOU DID THAT ON PURPOSE DIDN'T YOU?
YOU WERE VERY CONSIDERATE.
OUR MISS TOLD ME TO DRIVE YOU HOME...
IT'S OKAY. WE DON'T WANT TO TROUBLE YOU ANYMORE. WE'LL WALK OURSELVES HOME.
GOOD BYE MR. CURLY!

BOOP
BOOP
BEEP
BOOP
BOOP
HELLO.
OH, ROCKY. WHAT'S UP? YOU'VE NEVER CALLED ME BEFORE.
DALI?
HRM?
HMPH! HE WANTS TO TALK TO YOU...
SORRY
YEAH... WHAT?
I CAME UP WITH A PLAN FOR YOUR LOVE!
WELL, ARE YOU GOING TO LET YOUR LOVING TEACHER STARVE TO DEATH? I NOTICED THIS WHILE I WAS LIVING WITH HIM. WHENEVER HE'S FOCUSED ON SOMETHING HE NEVER EATS EVERY MORNING HE COMPLAINS THAT THERE'S TOO MUCH ACID IN HIS STOMACH. HEALTH IS SOMETHING YOU NEED TO TAKE CARE OF WHILE YOU'RE STILL YOUNG. YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT, DON'T YOU? SO I DON'T GO THROUGH A HARD TIME LATER IN LIFE TAKING CARE OF YOUR SICK TEACHER AND LOOK AFTER HIM NOW, OKAY? FUTURE MRS ORION!


ROCKY CHOI! WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU TAKE THE WRONG MEDICATION OR SOMETHING?
MR. O IS IN SCHOOL RIGHT NOW. HE SAID HE'LL BE THERE UNTIL LATE. I WAS GOING TO GET HIM SOME SUSHI, BUT I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY INSTEAD. YOU WANNT TO THANK ME RIGHT? HEHE~ HAVE A GREAT TIME, JUST THE TWO OF YOU..
HEY!
YOU WANT TO HEAR ANOTHER BIT O' GOOD NEWS? MR. O WRITES IN HIS DIARY EVERY NIGHT AND THE ENTRIES ARE ALL ADDRESSED TO YOU. I WAS REALLY SURPRISED.. I'M SURE MR. O THINKS YOU'RE SPECIAL. SO KEEP IT UP OK?
HEY! ROCKY CHOI!
WHAT? WHAT'S WRONG?
CLICK~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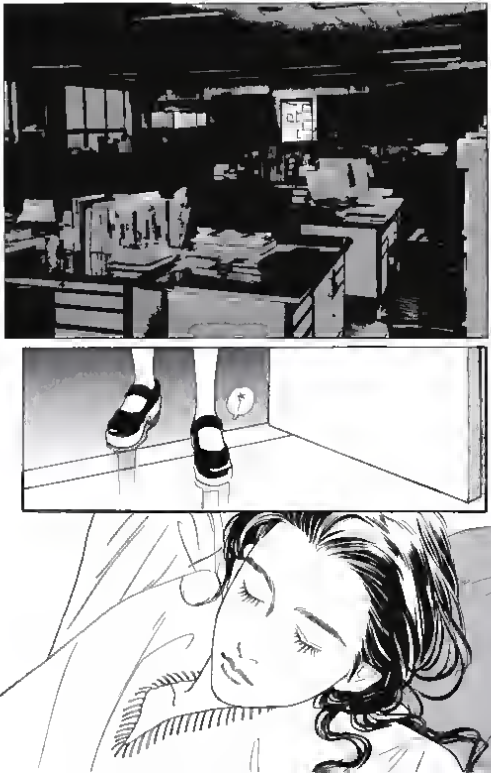
LUB DUB LUB DUB LUB DUB
I'LL... HEAD BACK FIRST.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
SHE JUST TALKED TO ROCKY
BOOP BOOP BEEP BOOP BOOP
HELLO~
OH, SANGHYUNG LEE. WHAT'S UP? YOU NEVER CALL ME...
...YOU WANT TO TALK TO DALI TOO? WHAT AM I, AN OPERATOR?
I DUNNO! I DUNNO! DALI JUST DISAPPEARED AFTER TALKING TO ROCKY. HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO KNOW WHERE SHE WENT? DON'T MAKE ME ANGRY! WHY DON'T YOU JUST BUY HER A CELL PHONE OR SOMETHING! DON'T CALL ME AGAIN!
YOU PLANNED THIS OUT WITH ROCKY OR SOMETHING? WHY IS IT THAT YOU GUYS ARE LOOKING FOR DALI? WHAT? I DON'T NEED TO KNOW? YOU ASSHOLES!
YOU JERKS! AT THE VERY LEAST YOU CAN MUTTER A GREETING! INSTEAD YOU JUST TELL ME YOU WANT DALI AS SOON AS I PICK UP THE PHONE!

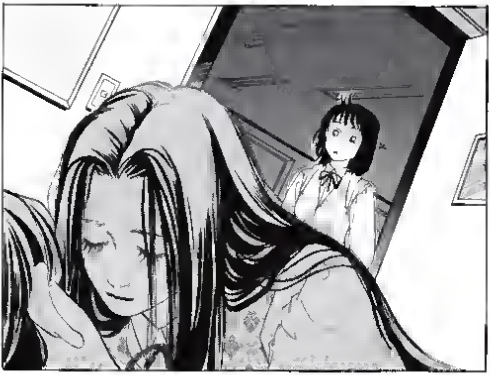
YOU GUYS CROSSED THE LINE! I'M HANGING UP!! WAAHHHH-
CLICK
VOLUPTUOUS KING
...SHE'S A... WEIRD ONE.
VOLUPTUOUS KING PORK FEET CUTLETS
FIRST-TIME CUSTOMERS WILL ALWAYS RETURN TO OUR CLASSIC PORK CUISINE.
«...»

SO I'M FINALLY HERE! MY HEART IS FLIPPING OUT -WHY AM I SO NERVOUS?

CALM DOWN...DALI NAMI I'M JUST HERE BECAUSE I'M WORRIED ABOUT MY STARVING TEACHER...ALL I NEED TO DO IS HAND OVER THE TAKE-OUT AND LEAVE! TO THE MAN WHO WRITES HIS DIARY TO ME EVERY NIGHT...

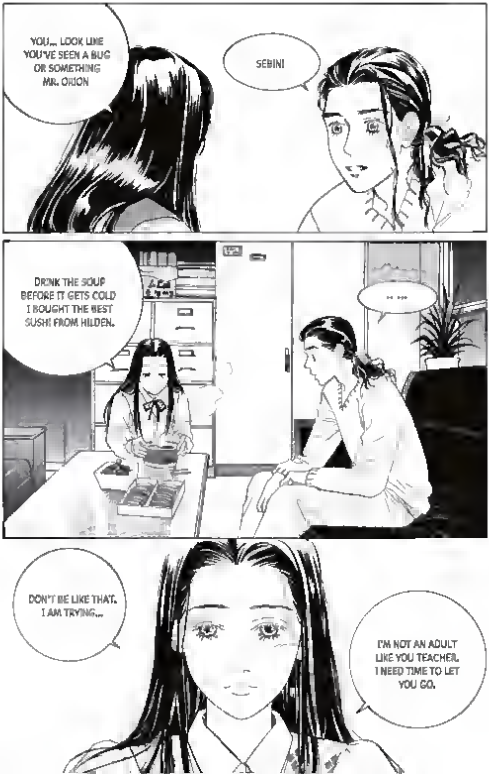
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...BUT I'M REALLY... HAPPY! ...MY HEART FEELS LIKE IT'S GOING TO BURST...





WHAT WERE YOU EXPECTING DAD... YOU'RE SENILE... SOMETHING LIKE THAT ISN'T POSSIBLE FOR ME...
EVERYTHING THAT I WANT SO DESPERATELY... THEY ALL... FALL THROUGH... IT'S ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT...

DRIP
EeeEEKK!!

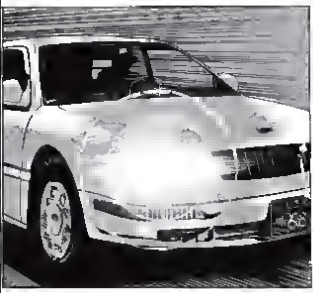

YOU... LOOK LIKE YOU'VE SEEN A BUG OR SOMETHING MR. ONJON
SEBIN!
DRINK THE SOUP BEFORE IT GETS COLD I BOUGHT THE BEST SUSHI FROM HILDEN.
DON'T BE LIKE THAT. I AM TRYING...
I'M NOT AN ADULT LIKE YOU TEACHER. I NEED TIME TO LET YOU GO.

I'LL BE OFF
LET'S LEAVE TOGETHER.
I'LL TAKE YOU HOME.

A CALL FROM ROCKY... I KINDA HAD AN IDEA, BUT...
I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D COME TO SCHOOL AT THIS HOUR.

KIMBAB
WHY DIDN'T YOU LEAVE THE TAKE-OUT? DID HE GO HOME ALREADY?
DON'T GO INSIDE... HE'S WITH SEIIN...

THAT'S GOOD. YOU SHOULD COME TOO. WE NEED TO SORT THIS OUT AT SOME POINT.
HOW?
WHAT RIGHT DO YOU HAVE?
DON'T BE SO STUPID.
YOU THINK THIS IS LIKE GETTING BACK YOUR CHEATING GIRLFRIEND?
DON'T YOU KNOW THAT WE'RE THE UNWELCOME PARTY IN ALL THIS?
FLASH

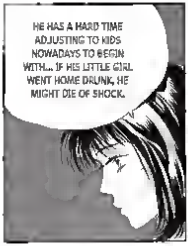


HUH..!
WHAT..IS THIS..?

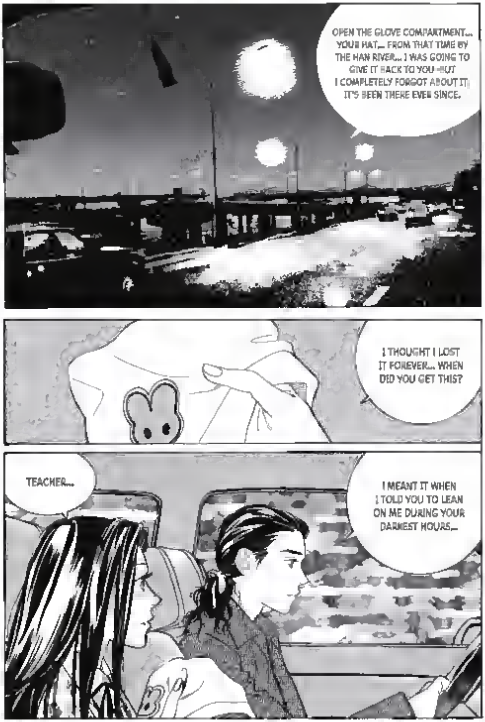
...OH.
OH!

I FEEL WEIRD. LIKE, CHILLS DOWN MY SPINE...
S, SORRY... FOR
USING YOUR BACK AS A SHIELD.

...YOU LIKE THIS...? I HAVE SOJU TOO...
MY DAD'S AN OLD-FASHIONED TEACHER...


HE HAS A HARD TIME ADJUSTING TO KIDS NOWADAYS TO BEGIN WITH... IF HIS LITTLE GIRL WENT HOME DRUNK, HE MIGHT DIE OF SHOCK.

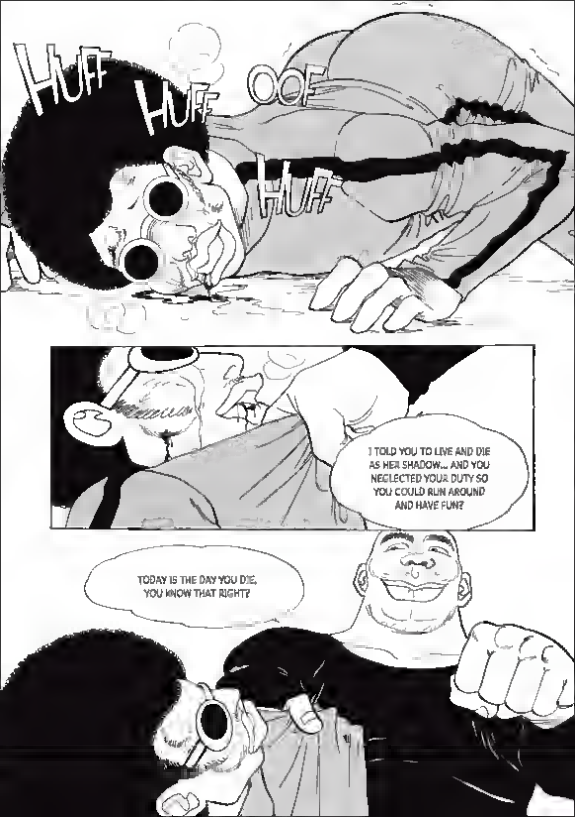
AND... SO FAR I M DOING OKAY... SAVE THESE, THINK OF IT AS MEDICATION IN CASE SOMETHING MORE TRAUMATIC HAPPENS

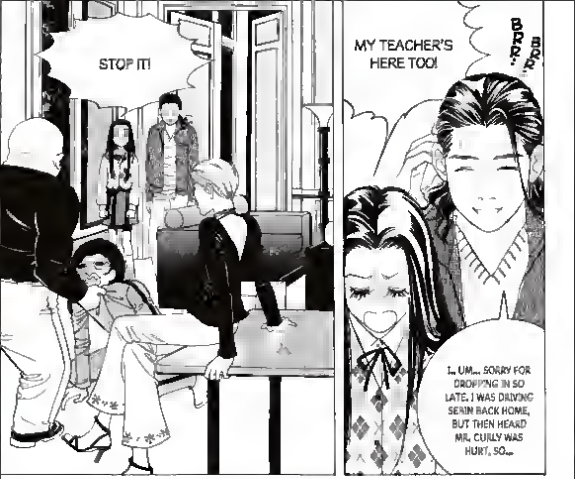

OPEN THE GLOVE COMPARTMENT... YOUR HAT... FROM THAT TIME BY THE HAN RIVER... I WAS GOING TO GIVE IT BACK TO YOU -BUT I COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT IT! IT'S BEEN THERE EVER SINCE.
I THOUGHT I LOST IT FOREVER... WHEN DID YOU GET THIS?
TEACHER...
I MEANT IT WHEN I TOLD YOU TO LEAN ON ME DURING YOUR DARKEST HOURS...

SORRY FOR THROWING A FIT FOR A WHILE... I WAS ACTING LIKE A CHILD... YOU WERE RIGHT...
I'LL TRY TO BE AN IMPARTIAL TEACHER IN THE FUTURE...
THEN YOU'RE ACCEPTING MY FEELINGS?
I'LL GO OUT WITH YOU IF YOU STILL LIKE ME AFTER YOU GO OFF TO COLLEGE.
YOU'RE TRYING TO PACIFY ME GIVING ME ASSURANCE AND THEN WAITING FOR ME TO GET TIRED OF YOU
WHAT IF YOU END UP WITH A GIRLFRIEND BETWEEN NOW AND COLLEGE? OF COURSE, I WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN BUT...
YOUR HEART WILL CHANGE BEFORE THAT HAPPENS. WHEN YOU BECOME AN ADULT... YOUR WHOLE VIEW POINT IS GOING TO CHANGE.
BY THEN, YOU'LL FORGET ABOUT ME, AS IF I NEVER EVEN EXISTED...
DON'T SAY QUOTES FROM BOOKS ABOUT FORBIDDEN LOVE STORIES... I'M SICK OF THEM.. I CAN'T RELATE TO ANY OF IT SO DON'T SAY THOSE THINGS TO ME

BUT THERE'S A CATCH. FIRST, YOU WILL COME TO SCHOOL EVERYDAY. SECOND, IMPROVE YOUR GRADES. THIRD, PARTICIPATE IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. FOR EXAMPLE, HELP OUT WITH CLEAN-UPS INSTEAD OF JUST IGNORING THEM, AND DON'T FIGHT WITH YOUR FRIENDS...
THIS IS A PACIFIER FOR SURE! MR. ORION! I CAN STILL GO TO COLLEGE EVEN IF I STOP COMING TO SCHOOL. RIGHT THIS MINUTE, EVEN...
IF YOU LIKE ME SO MUCH WHY DON'T YOU WANT TO SPEND THE WHOLE DAY WITH ME IN SCHOOL?
I'LL GET ANGRY IF YOU TELL ME YOU WANT TO QUIT SCHOOL AGAIN.
TEACHER... THIS ISN'T A DREAM, RIGHT? WE...
OW!
IT'S NOT A DREAM.

THIS... THIS HUGE CASTLE IS YOUR HOME?
SINCE YOU CAME THIS FAR, WHY DON'T YOU COME IN FOR A MINUTE?
MISS!
WHY ARE YOU SO LATE?
MR. CURLY IS DYING MISS!
DAMN.


HUFF
HUFF
OOF
HUFF
I TOLD YOU TO LIVE AND DIE AS HER SHADOW... AND YOU NEGLECTED YOUR DUTY SO YOU COULD RUN AROUND AND HAVE FUN?
TODAY IS THE DAY YOU DIE. YOU KNOW THAT RIGHT?


STOP IT!
MY TEACHER'S HERE TOO!
BRR-
BOP
I... UM... SORRY FOR DROPPING IN SO LATE. I WAS DRIVING SERIN BACK HOME, BUT THEN HEARD MR. CURLY WAS HURT, SO...

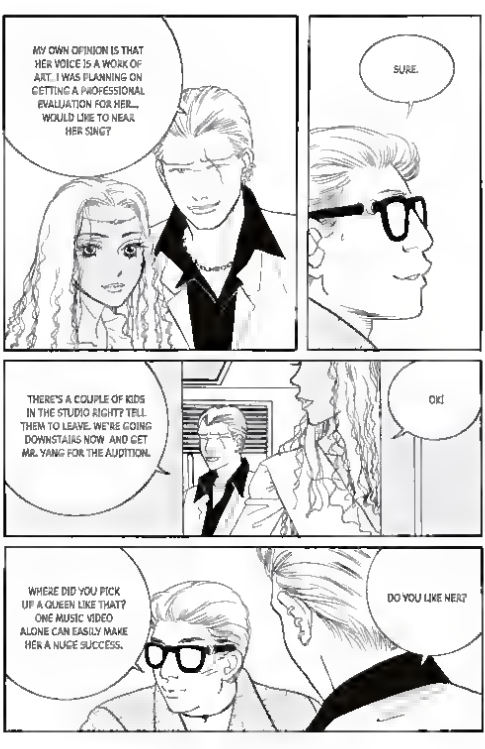
HELLO MR. ORION...
I WAS HOPING TO MEET YOU ONE OF THESE DAYS...

SHE DOESN'T SPEAK MUCH AT HOME, BUT SHE ONLY TALKS ABOUT YOU MR. ORION
SHE SAID THE REASON WHY SHE'S GOING TO SCHOOL IS YOU OF COURSE, YOU WERE AWARE OF THIS ALREADY...
HAHA... WE ALL HAVE TEACHERS WE HAD A CRUSH ON DURING HIGH SCHOOL... I HAD ONE MYSELF. PLEASE DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT IT.
I DON'T WORRYING ISN'T GOING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM...
TAP-

ONCE SHE GETS SHATTERED AND HURT, SHE'LL LEARN FOR HERSELF
SHE WON'T GET HURT LIKE YOU SAID...
ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU'LL MARRY EEBIN OR SOMETHING?
HUH? HAHA... THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT...
DON'T RUSH INTO MAKING PROMISES TO THE CHILD WE'VE ALWAYS ENFORCED THE FIRST FAMILY RULE, EVEN FROM THE BEGINNING ...YOU SHALL KEEP ANY PLEDGE YOU MAKE TO ANOTHER PERSON AT ALL COSTS...
IF YOU TREAT HER LIKE A KID--YOU'LL SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES.
OH NO... IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE ALREADY MADE AN UNNECESSARY PROMISE...

THIS ISN'T MUCH, BUT MY BOSS WANTED TO SHOW YOU HIS APPRECIATION... THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CONTRACT FEE. SO PLEASE DON'T THINK ANYTHING OF IT.
THOUGHT YOU MIGHT NEED SOME MONEY TO FIGURE OUT THE ATMOSPHERE OF VARIOUS PLACES... THAT'LL BE ENOUGH FOR THE BOYS' SPENDING MONEY TOO. I FILLED IT UP WITH BILLS IN MINT CONDITION. THERE'S NOTHING MORE CERTAIN THAN CASH
HAHA... YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO...
IT'S NOT RIGHT TO TREAT A GREAT MAN LIKE YOU WITHOUT THE PROPER RESPECT...
CLICK
OH! YOU HAVE A GUEST. I'M SORRY

AH, YOU'RE JUST IN TIME. COME HERE AND SAY HELLO.
HI THERE!
WOW, SHE'S A GREAT BEAUTY!
THANK YOU.
HAHA- SPADE! CONSIDER YOURSELF HONORED. DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS IS? HE'S MR. HIT WANG, THE MIDAS WHO CREATED THE POPULAR GROUPS HOOKY, JINGLICK, FINES, AND MANY MORE!
WOW! I SAW YOU IN THE MAGAZINES WHEN I WAS IN NEW YORK, BUT I'M HONORED TO MEET YOU IN PERSON!
EEK-
CHO-


MY OWN OPINION IS THAT HER VOICE IS A WORK OF ART. I WAS PLANNING ON GETTING A PROFESSIONAL EVALUATION FOR HER... WOULD LIKE TO HEAR HER SING?
SURE.
THERE'S A COUPLE OF KIDS IN THE STUDIO RIGHT? TELL THEM TO LEAVE. WE'RE GOING DOWNSTAIRS NOW AND GET MR. YANG FOR THE AUDITION.
OK!
WHERE DID YOU PICK UP A QUEEN LIKE THAT? ONE MUSIC VIDEO ALONE CAN EASILY MAKE HER A HUGE SUCCESS.
DO YOU LIKE HER?

ACTUALLY... SHE'S ONE OF OUR COMPANY'S HIDDEN CARDS... IF YOU CAN TAKE CARE OF HER...
SHE'LL BE INVINCIBLE, HAHA...
AH, OUR BOSS IS OFFERING 1.2 MILLION DOLLARS 60% OF THE CONTRACT FEE UPON SIGNING THE DOCUMENT.
AND PAY THE REST BY GIVING YOU A 40% SHARE OF ALL THE PROFIT FROM THE FIRST TWO ALBUMS...
20 MILLION!!
AND YOU'LL HAVE ALL THE FREEDOM YOU WANT IN THE ALBUM PRODUCTIONS...
...AND WE WILL HAVE YOU. HEHEHEHE..!

I'M BACK.

OH...MY! SON YOU BROUGHT ME PIG'S FEET?!
PORK FEET. CUTLETS
VOLUPTUOUS
KING

I WANTED YOU TO HAVE SOME WITH DAD.
THAT IS SO NICE OF YOU!
YOUR FATHER HAD A HARD TIME WITH THE PATIENT IN ROOM 203... IT WAS A DIFFICULT BIRTH.

YOU'RE ALL GROWN UP... YOU'RE SO BIG THAT I'M HAVING A HARD TIME HOLDING YOU. *SOB
SOB SOB
M... MOM...

NNNN

ZRAK
LET ME GO...!
ZRAK
YIKES!
UM...
ZRAK
OH... WHAT'S GOING ON? ARE YOU STARTING TO GROW AWAY FROM ME ALREADY?

NO, IT JUST STINGS...
IS YOUR SKIN DRY? IT'S NOT WINTER, SO WHY THE STATIC?
DRY SKIN MEANS MALNUTRITION- THINK ABOUT THAT
DAD, DO YOU STILL FEEL THAT THRILL WHEN MOM HOLDS YOU?
HUH?
HAHA... OF COURSE MY HEART STILL SKIPS A BEAT...JUST LIKE THE FIRST TIME...
ME TOO.
OK.
GOOD NIGHT
SNORT
ALL RIGHT
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?

CLICK
I SMELL SOMETHING
WHAT'S THAT?
DO YOU THINK HE SUDDENLY ASKED THAT QUESTION BECAUSE HE FOUND SOMEONE HE'S INTERESTED IN? WHEN WE FIRST MET... YOU KNOW, YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE ELECTRIFIED... YOU SAID BACK THEN YOU DIDN'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS THAT HIT YOU...
'CIGGLE' YOU DENSE MAN, YOU...
HAHA... YEAH, I SHOULD TALK TO HIM ABOUT THINGS LIKE THAT ONE OF THESE DAYS... IF HE'S ANYTHING LIKE ME, HE'LL BE CLUELESS... HE WON'T UNDERSTAND THE GIRL AND ONLY THINK ABOUT HIMSELF...
WOW, I KNEW IT! PORK CUTLET! MY ULTIMATE FAVORITE!
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
HONEY!
THIS IS TOO MUCH! YOU WERE IN BED... IT'S ONLY BEEN AN HOUR SINCE YOU HAD YOUR LAST SNACK. I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU...
BUT I'LL LOSE WEIGHT ONCE I GROW TALLER, RIGHT DADDY?
OF COURSE OF COURSE...
LEAVE HER ALONE. AT THIS AGE, KIDS CAN EAT A HORSE...

OH! RAMEN!
DON'T TOUCH IT!
SLURP

HEY, SIBLINGS SHOULD SHARE EVERYTHING, EVEN A SMALL BEAN
GEEZ, YOU WON'T EVEN LET ME TOUCH YOURS WHEN YOU COOK RAMEN...

BOOP
BOOP
BOOP
BEEP
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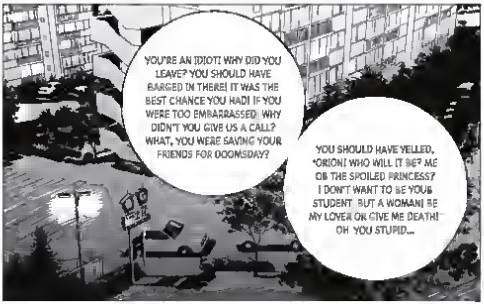
BOOP
BOOP
IT'S YOUR PHONE! PICK IT UP
CHANCE!
YOU WAIT! IF YOU EAT EVERYTHING... I'LL KILL YOU

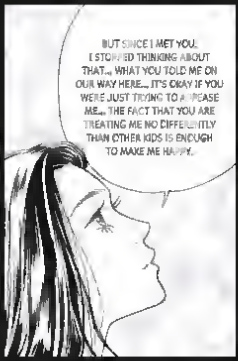

YOU'RE AN IDIOT! WHY DID YOU LEAVE? YOU SHOULD HAVE BARGED IN THERE! IT WAS THE BEST CHANCE YOU HAD! IF YOU WERE TOO EMBARRASSED, WHY DIDN'T YOU GIVE US A CALL? WHAT, YOU WERE SAVING YOUR FRIENDS FOR DOOMSDAY?
YOU SHOULD HAVE YELLED, "ORION! WHO WILL IT BE? ME OR THE SPOILED PRINCESS? I DON'T WANT TO BE YOUR STUDENT, BUT A WOMAN! BE MY LOVER OR GIVE ME DEATH!" OH, YOU STUPID...

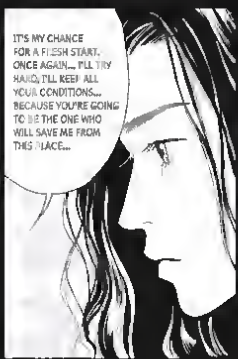
YOUNGSOON RYU! WHY'D YOU HAVE TO GO ON LIKE A STUPID ONE-MAN SHOW? HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO GO TO SCHOOL AFTER THAT, HUH?
DOESN'T MATTER. WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN GETTING OR LOSING YOUR LIFE PARTNER?
WHAT'S THE POINT OF HAVING A CHEERING SQUAD? THERE'S NO SHOW FOR US TO DO BECAUSE OF DAL'S NEW HABIT OF NOT TELLING US ANYTHING UNTIL IT'S DONE AND OVER WITH.
AIGHT, AIGHT! DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU'VE CHANGED IN A STRANGE WAY, DAL? YOU'VE BECOME A BIG SOFTY...

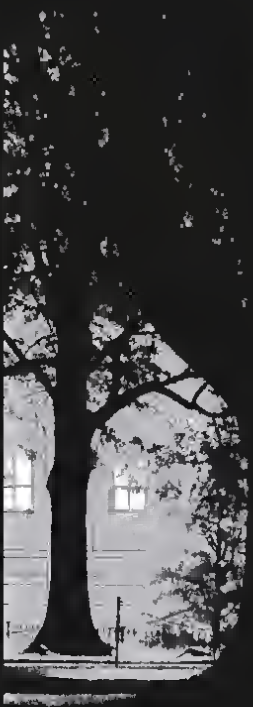
MAYBE HE'S BEEN THREATENED BY SERIN'S FAMILY GANG. MEN CAN BE SURPRISINGLY WEAK.
OOOHHH~ THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. ORION ISN'T THAT MUCH OF A COWARD
YOU WANNA HEAR SOMETHING REALLY FUNNY?
IT'S REALLY HARD FOR ME TO ABANDON HOPE...
IT'S WEIRD... THE TWO OF THEM KISSED RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME, BUT... I KNEW FOR CERTAIN THAT HE WILL BE WITH ME IN THE END... IT'S FUNNY... REALLY...
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT SCALES OVER YOUR EYES. YOU'RE DELUDING YOURSELF WITH ILLUSIONS OF LOVE... THAT ARE ROOTED IN YOUR SELF-CENTERED FANTASY... LET'S BE HONEST HERE. ORION NEVER SAID THAT HE LOVED YOU OR ANYTHING
YOU KNOW... ORION... DO YOU THINK HE REALLY LIKES SERIN JO? WE'RE ALL JUST MAKING ASSUMPTIONS HERE. ALTHOUGH THE SITUATION HAS MADE A DRASTIC TURN...
LIKE SANGHYUNG SAID. DON'T YOU THINK IT'S BETTER TO ASK ORION DIRECTLY BEFORE YOU COME TO A CONCLUSION?

YOU STAND BACK DALI. WE'LL FIND A SOLUTION YOU'RE PROBABLY TOO AFFECTED TO THINK STRAIGHT...
FIRST OF ALL, WE'LL REVEAL SERIN JO'S IDENTITY
NO! DON'T DO ANYTHING STUPID! WE HAVE NO RIGHT TO INVADE HER PRIVACY WE... DON'T PLAY THAT DIRTY...
WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO STOP STRUGGLING ALONE? IS THIS GOING TO END IN A SAD STORY OF UNREQUITED LOVE? A MERE PHASE IN YOUR LIFE? HUH? STOP COMPLAINING, AND KEEP YOUR OBJECTIONS TO YOURSELF.
IT'S NOT BECAUSE I CAN'T TALK TO HIM DIRECTLY. THAT'S NOT THE DIFFICULT PART... I... DON'T WANT TO PUT HIM IN AN AWKWARD POSITION...
I DON'T WANT YOU TO STEP IN WITHOUT MY KNOWLEDGE. I'M BEGGING YOU...
LOVE -
SHE WILL ONLY SACRIFICE
SAKURA Tsuchiya

MY MOTHER MADE YOU UNEASY. DIDN'T SHE? I'M SORRY. I APOLOGIZE ON HER BEHALF...
IT'S OKAY...
ANYWAY... THIS PLACE IS AMAZING... I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE AN OLD MEDIEVAL CASTLE IN THIS COUNTRY... SO YOU'VE BEEN HERE ALONE FOR MOST OF YOUR LIFE?
ALMOST... MOM AND DAD ARE BUSY WITH THE FAMILY BUSINESS
SOME PEOPLE THINK IT'S NEAT TO LIVE IN A CASTLE. BUT AS YOU KNOW... THIS PLACE WAS BUILT WITH DIRTY MONEY. I HATE IT HERE.
I DETEST IT ALL... EVEN BEFORE I HAD SENSE OF SELF, MY FLESH AND BLOOD WAS FILLED WITH DIRTY MONEY
MAYBE IF I PAY EVERYTHING BACK WITH MY DEATH, I'LL BE CLEAN... I USED TO THINK THAT A LOT.
SEBIN, DON'T THINK LIKE THAT...


BUT SINCE I MET YOU, I STOPPED THINKING ABOUT THAT... WHAT YOU TOLD ME ON OUR WAY HERE... IT'S OKAY IF YOU WERE JUST TRYING TO APPEASE ME... THE FACT THAT YOU ARE TREATING ME NO DIFFERENTLY THAN OTHER KIDS IS ENOUGH TO MAKE ME HAPPY...


IT'S MY CHANCE FOR A FRESH START. ONCE AGAIN... I'LL TRY HARD, I'LL KEEP ALL YOUR CONDITIONS... BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO BE THE ONE WHO WILL SAVE ME FROM THIS PLACE...



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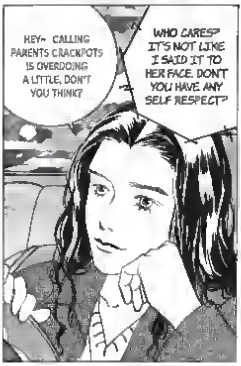
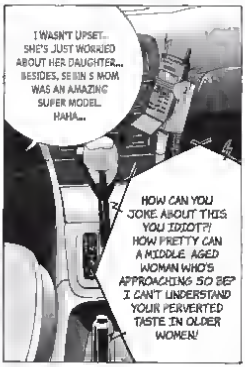
IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD I TELL YOU! EVERYTHING'S GONE HAYWIRE! I KNEW THE RESPECT FOR TEACHERS IN THIS DAY AND AGE IS GOING DOWN THE DRAIN, BUT SEIKIN'S MOTHER IS OUT OF LINE. WHAT? YOU'LL SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES OF A LITTLE GIRL!? IS THAT WHAT A PARENT SHOULD BE SAYING TO HER CHILD'S TEACHER? WHAT AN IGNORANT CRACKPOT!

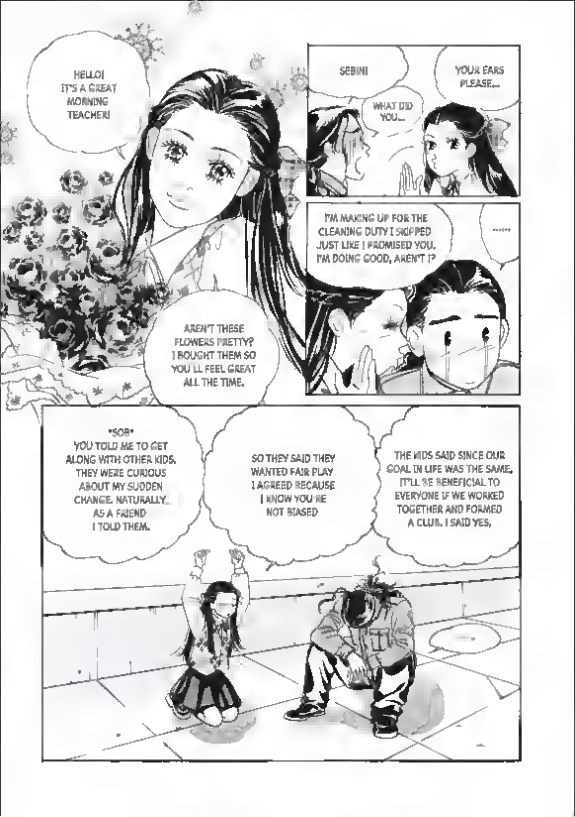

HEY~ CALLING PARENTS CRACKPOTS IS OVERDOING A LITTLE, DON'T YOU THINK?
WHO CARES? IT'S NOT LIKE I SAID IT TO HER FACE. DON'T YOU HAVE ANY SELF RESPECT?


I WASN'T UPSET~ SHE'S JUST WORRIED ABOUT HER DAUGHTER... BESIDES, SEIKIN'S MOM WAS AN AMAZING SUPER MODEL. HAHA...
HOW CAN YOU JOKE ABOUT THIS, YOU IDIOT?! HOW PRETTY CAN A MIDDLE AGED WOMAN WHO'S APPROACHING 50 BE? I CAN'T UNDERSTAND YOUR PERVERTED TASTE IN OLDER WOMEN!

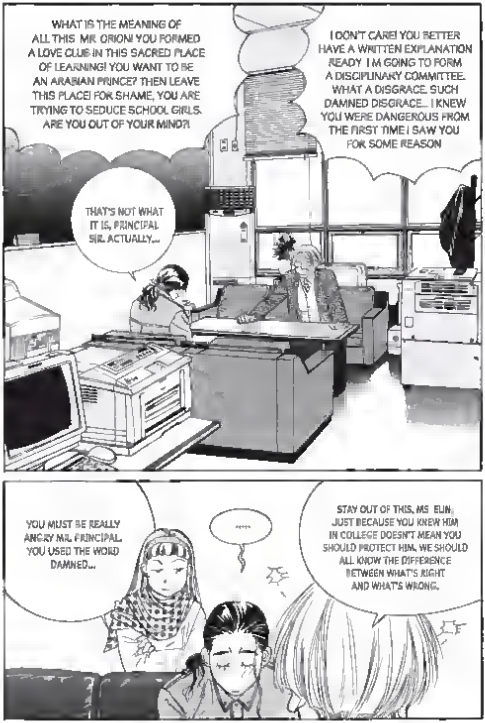
IT WAS JUST A JOKE. LET'S NOT GO ON A TANGENT HERE.
THIS IS ALL VERY WORRISOME... YOU PROPOSED TO HER AND CALLED IT BEING CONSIDERATE. TALK ABOUT OVER DOING IT
HONESTLY I'M AFRAID ORION. YOUR SISTER. YOU'RE NOT GONNA BE LIKE MEON RIGHT? NO WAY.
THAT WILL NOT HAPPEN I CAME THIS FAR FOR THAT REASON... SEIRIN'S SMART. SHE UNDERSTOOD WHAT I SAID. DON'T WORRY.
GOOD THAT'S THE WAY IT SHOULD BE
ANYWAY GOOD LUCK! A ROOKIE TEACHER LIKE YOU WILL GO THROUGH SOME TROUBLE SORTING THIS OUT GIRLS. THEY'RE S...SCARY!
WHAT ARE YOU IMPLYING? GIALS? WHY THE PLURAL? IT'S JUST SEIRIN...
I HAVE A BAD FEELING...
YOU'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH FIRST TIMER!

WHO'S ON DUTY TODAY? BRING THE ATTENDANCE BOOK.
OKAY.
I'LL DO IT FOR YOU BEING ON DUTY I MEAN...
EH? THE MAJOR PRINCESS? YOU... YOU.. WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY...
I'M MAKING UP FOR THE ONE I SKIPPED BEFORE.
OKAY...
D'D THE SUN RISE FROM THE WEST TODAY? IS SEBIN JO ON SOMETHING?
MAYBE SHE'S SO BORED THAT SHE'S PLAYING A TRICK ON US.
SEBIN!
YOU SEE, I CAN'T STAND BEING CURIOUS! WHY DID YOU SUDDENLY BECOME CINDERELLA?
OH, SORRY! I'M NOT SAYING THAT YOU WERE THE STEPSISTER BEFORE. HAHA.
.....
ACTUALLY I DID TH NK YOU WERE ALWAYS CINDERELLA'S STEPSISTER.

MR. ORION IS TODAY YOUR BIRTHDAY? YOU'LL BUY US A DRINK AFTER SCHOOL, RIGHT? HAHAHA...
CONGRATULATIONS, MR. O. SINCE YOU RECEIVED SO MANY PRESENTS, WE DON'T HAVE TO GET YOU ANYTHING, DO WE?
WOW~ THE KIDS' FAVORITE BACHELOR TEACHER SURE CELEBRATES HIS BIRTHDAY DIFFERENTLY FROM THE REST OF US. I'M JEALOUS!
THAT'S STRANGE, IT'S NOT MY BIRTHDAY. MAYBE IT'S THE WRONG... NO. THIS IS MY NAME.
TO MR. ORION
OUR DEAR, DEAR, DEAR TEACHER! THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR GIVING US A CHANCE UNTIL WE BECOME COLLEGE STUDENTS! WE WILL ABIDE BY THE RION GIRLS' RULES WE WILL ALWAYS BE YOUR SUNFLOWER FAN CLUB WE ARE PROUD TO BE A PART OF T RION GIRLS CLUB WE WILL COMPETE FAIRLY WITH SEBIN
THUD


HELLO! IT'S A GREAT MORNING TEACHER!
AREN'T THESE FLOWERS PRETTY? I BOUGHT THEM SO YOU'LL FEEL GREAT ALL THE TIME.
SEBINI
WHAT DID YOU...
YOUR EARS PLEASE...
I'M MAKING UP FOR THE CLEANING DUTY I SKIPPED JUST LIKE I PROMISED YOU. I'M DOING GOOD, AREN'T I?
.....
SOB YOU TOLD ME TO GET ALONG WITH OTHER KIDS. THEY WERE CURIOUS ABOUT MY SUDDEN CHANGE. NATURALLY... AS A FRIEND I TOLD THEM.
SO THEY SAID THEY WANTED FAIR PLAY I AGREED BECAUSE I KNOW YOU'RE NOT BIASED
THE KIDS SAID SINCE OUR GOAL IN LIFE WAS THE SAME, IT'LL BE BENEFICIAL TO EVERYONE IF WE WORKED TOGETHER AND FORMED A CLUB. I SAID YES.

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT OUR PROMISE TO EACH OTHER. YOU LL HAVE RIVALS AND EVERYTHING...
SCRITCH SCRITCH
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO SAY... WHAT A LOSER I AM. AH...
I DID IT ON PURPOSE, SO YOU WON'T GET AWAY FROM ME. YOU CAN'T GO ANYWHERE WITH ALL THESE WITNESSES...
BESIDES, THERE ARE NO REAL RIVALS IN THIS SCHOOL! I'M NOT WORRIED HEEHEE!
DON'T WORRY, MR. O. OTHER TEACHERS DON'T KNOW ANYTHING. THIS IS A SECRET AMONG THE RION GIRLS. WE WON'T CAUSE YOU ANY TROUBLE. I PROMISE!
DON'T CRY LIKE THAT. STOP IT!
YOU ALREADY PUT ME IN AN AWKWARD SITUATION!


WHAT IS THE MEANING OF ALL THIS MR. ORION! YOU FORMED A LOVE CLUB IN THIS SACRED PLACE OF LEARNING! YOU WANT TO BE AN ARABIAN PRINCE? THEN LEAVE THIS PLACE! FOR SHAME, YOU ARE TRYING TO SEDUCE SCHOOL GIRLS. ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?!
I DON'T CARE! YOU BETTER HAVE A WRITTEN EXPLANATION READY. I AM GOING TO FORM A DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE. WHAT A DISGRACE. SUCH DAMNED DISGRACE... I KNEW YOU WERE DANGEROUS FROM THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU FOR SOME REASON
THAT'S NOT WHAT IT IS, PRINCIPAL SIR. ACTUALLY...
YOU MUST BE REALLY ANGRY MR. PRINCIPAL. YOU USED THE WORD DAMNED...
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STAY OUT OF THIS, MS ELIN. JUST BECAUSE YOU KNEW HIM IN COLLEGE DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULD PROTECT HIM. WE SHOULD ALL KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT'S RIGHT AND WHAT'S WRONG.

THEN LET'S ANALYZE THE SITUATION. EXACTLY WHAT'S WRONG? DID SOMETHING BAD HAPPEN IN THIS CLUB THAT THESE SCHOOL GIRLS CREATED FOR FUN?
IT'S LIKE A FAN CLUB FOR A TEACHER THEY LOVE AND RESPECT. AREN'T YOU HAPPY THAT THERE'S ACTUALLY A TEACHER HERE THAT KIDS ARE EXCITED ABOUT IN THIS AGE WHERE STUDENTS DON'T RESPECT THEIR INSTRUCTORS ANYMORE? YOU SHOULDN'T BE ANGRY ABOUT THIS BUT PRAISE MR. ORION INSTEAD.
BECAUSE HE IS A FASCINATING TEACHER WHO HAS THE ABILITY TO LEAD STUDENTS!
YADDA YADDA
THE KIDS DON'T THINK THIS IS A CLUB INTENDING TO FIND THEMSELVES A MARRIAGE PARTNER. HE'S JUST A SYMBOLIC FIGURE THEY CAN COUNT ON IN THIS COLD, DRY PLACE.
HAVE YOU READ THE RULES FOR THE IRON GIRLS? STUDY HARD...GET ALONG WITH SCHOOL MATES, DO VOLUNTEER WORK...
YADDA YA...
WHAT'S SO SHAMEFUL ABOUT THAT? AND WHAT IF ONE OF THE MEMBERS DOES START DATING MR. ORION WHEN SHE GOES TO COLLEGE? IS THERE A LAW PROHIBITING A FORMER STUDENT FROM MARRYING HER TEACHER?
WHAT DID MR. ORION DO THAT IS SO WRONG? HUH? MR. PRINCIPAL?
THUDD
...
.....

BONK
THERE YOU GO AGAIN...! YOU'RE BEING OVER DRAMATIC.
STUPID... YOU OKAY? YOU WERE HIT PRETTY HARD HEY!
WERE YOU SERIOUS? WHAT YOU JUST SAID? THAT ELECTRIC SHOCK FEELING...?
GEEZ... DON'T EXAGGERATE... IT'S WAS NOT A SHOCK... IT WAS MORE LIKE A STATIC KIND OF...

THEY'RE THE SAME THING, YOU IDIOT! DON'T YOU FEEL WEIRD?
IT DID FEEL WEIRD... REALLY WEIRD IT WASN'T A BAD FEELING OR ANYTHING...
BUT IT WASN'T GOOD, KIND OF COLD... IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN...
BUT THEN WHY DALI AND NOT SEBIN?
MAYBE YOU SHOULD RECONSIDER YOUR LOVE INTEREST..
I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT BUT IT'S NOT LIKE THAT... IT WAS A BASIC PATHOLOGICAL PHENOMENON BETWEEN PEOPLE OF THE OPPOSITE SEX.
JUST RESEARCH HOW I CAN MAKE SEBIN FEEL THAT THRILL. YOU HAVE A LOT OF EXPERIENCE UNDER YOUR BELT, RIGHT?
TAP
I SHOULD DO RESEARCH ON YOU FIRST. YOU RE A RARE SPECIMEN YOU KNOW...
OUTWARD APPEARANCE SIMILAR TO NORMAL HUMAN.

HELLO~ ROCKY! SANGHYUNG!
OH GIRLS! WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?
WANT A MATCH? OUR FRIENDS ARE COMING. FOUR OF US, TWO OF YOU. OKAY?
IF IT'S YOU GUYS, I WON'T MIND PLAYING 40:2.
WACHA SAY? GIMME BACK MY BALL!
OH NO. WHAT TO DO? I'M AFRAID YOUR ARMS ARE TOO SHORT...IF YOU CAN GET THE BALL, I'LL TAKE BACK WHAT I SAID.
YOU LOOK GOOD. WHAT... YOU HAVEN'T HEARD ABOUT THE RION CLUB?
THAT'S A JOKE.
I GOT IT, SANGHYUNG!
WHAT?
GIVE ME THE BALL!
YOU CAN JOIN THE RION GIRL TOO! CAPTURE MR. O'S HEART AND GIVE IT TO BERIN. DON'T YOU THINK THAT'LL RACK UP POINTS FOR YOU AND GIVE HER A THRILL? SINCE MR. O LIKES YOU ALREADY, THIS PLAN IS GUARANTEED TO WORK.
THERE HE GOES AGAIN, THE PERVERT!
PERVERT

IT'S NOT FOR A SINGER OR AN ACTOR. A TEACHER FAN CLUB. THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF FAN CLUBS OUT THERE, HUH?
HEY, THE ALIEN GIRLS FAN CLUB IS STRONG. IT'S PROBABLY JUST AS SOLID AS AN IDOL FAN CLUB OR SOMETHING.
THIS TALK OF SINGERS REMINDS ME OF SOMETHING SANGHYUNG...
SHUT UP! SHUT UP! STOP THE TALK ABOUT THAT PERVERT...
NOT THAT. I MEAN MR. JACK POT... DID HE GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU AGAIN?
JACK POT? HONG'S MANAGER? YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT THE ST PRODUCTIONS' JACK POT, RIGHT? WHAT DOES HE WANT WITH SANGHYUNG? WHY?
TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT HIM. SOON, SANGHYUNG LEE WILL SWEEP THROUGH THE MUSIC INDUSTRY LIKE A STORM!

YOU SHOULD'VE KEPT THE BUSINESS CARD! YOU IDIOT! WE COULD'VE GOTTEN IN WITH ONE PHONE CALL...
MAH-.
IBC
MAH- LOOK AT THIS LINE! I THINK WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET IN? LET'S SEE... WE'RE GOING THROUGH SO MUCH...
SOB
I Love You
Hoh Jung
WOW--! THEY'RE ALL FANS OF THE ST PRODUCTIONS! HOOKY ..!INCLICK, FINES, AND EVEN HOH!! IS TODAY SOME SORT OF ST PRODUCTIONS SPECIAL SHOW?

LET'S JUST GO...
YO, I ALREADY EXPLAINED IT TO YOU NUMEROUS TIMES, AND WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?
I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M HERE.
YEAH YEAH. THIS IS REALLY A GREAT OPPORTUNITY, SANGHYUNG LEE!
WE CAN'T JUST LET FATE PASS US BY... IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO DECIDE AFTER YOU TEST WHAT YOU'VE GOT!
RIGHT! RIGHT! LET'S MEET MR. JACK POT FIRST! AND GET A LITTLE GLIMPSE OF THE STARS WHILE WE'RE AT IT... HEHE.
AH... THIS WON'T WORK. WE'LL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ELSE. FOLLOW ME--IT'S TIME FOR A FRONTAL ASSAULT!
THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING. THE SECURITY GUARD AT THE MAIN LOBBY IS SO SCARY. TSK TSK... THE LINE'LL JUST GET LONGER WHEN THEY COME BACK..
NUH? HEY... THAT'S FOR EMPLOYEES ONLY. IT'S RESTRICTED TO PERFORMERS AND PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE SHOW!
FIRST TIMERS. WHAT YOU THINK WE'RE ALL STANDING HERE BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW THE SHORTCUT?

WE'RE LATE! WE'RE LATE! OH NO!
HURRY! HURRY!
HEY, YOU THERE! YOU TWO! STOP-,
GRAB THOSE KIDS!
HELLO SIR! DID THE LIVE REHEARSAL START YET?
STOP- STOP! HEY, WHAT DOES THE LIVE REHEARSAL HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU? THIS ENTRANCE IS ONLY FOR THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE SHOW. YOU DIDN'T READ THE SIGN TELLING THE AUDIENCE TO USE THE BACK DOOR?
SIR! YOU DON'T KNOW WHO WE ARE? AH... THE PAINS OF BEING NEW TO THE INDUSTRY... *SOB*
OH- YOU MEAN MR. JACK POT FROM THE BIG SHOT STAR MANAGEMENT? WE ALMOST MADE A MISTAKE. I AM SO SORRY... HURRY, GO ON INSIDE!
PLEASE CALL MR. JACK POT FOR US. WE WERE GONNA SNEAK IN QUIETLY SINCE WE WERE LATE. BUT NOW WE'RE DEAD...
YEAH. I'VE SEEN THEM BEFORE. THEY HAVE THE POP STAR FACE.

THANK YOU, SIR! WHEN WE MAKE IT BIG, WE LL SAY THAT WE OWE IT ALL TO YOU!
COME ON IN!
HMM?
BEING GOOD LOOKING DOES PAY OFF
MR. JACK POT'S NAME IS AS GOOD AS A FREE PASS.

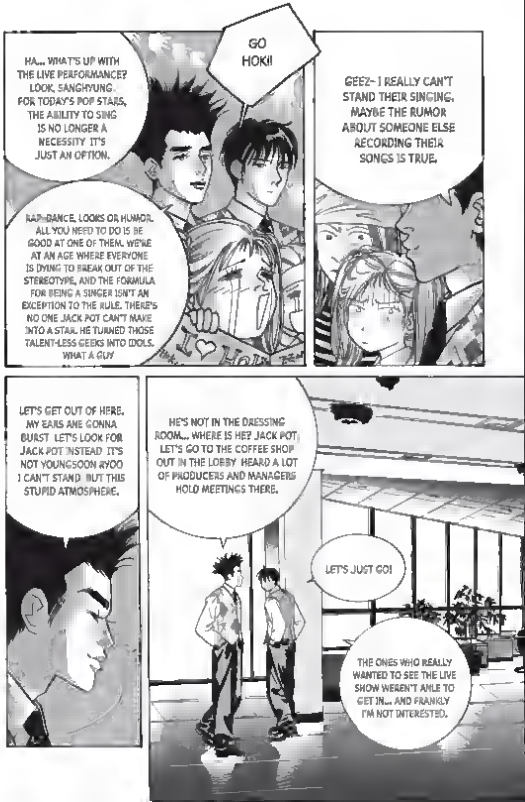
UM- WHAT ARE YOU GIRLS?
OUR FAN CLUB THESE FRIENDS ARE LIKE OUR FAMILY WE GO EVERYWHERE TOGETHER.
NICE TO MEET YOU!
THAT WON'T DO OTHER FAN CLUBS ARE WAITING IN LINE. WE CAN'T LET THEM PASS. YOU GIRLS SHOULD GO BACK AND STAND IN LINE, OK~?

ROCKY CHOI! SANGHYUNG LEE! DO SOMETHING! WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO!
UM... SIR...
SHOW NO SYMPATHY! EVERYONE SAYS THAT!
I'VE MASTERED 100 WAYS TO GET RID OF OVER ZEALOUS FANS. LEAVE THEM TO US AND GO INSIDE.

THE 7 BRIGHT JEWELS
CLIMBING TO THIS WEEK'S NO.1 SPOT IS HOKI'S "STOP!"
YAYYY
YAYYY

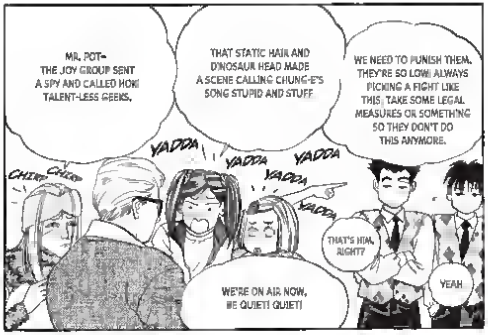
HOKI~!
GO! HOKI~!
GO! HOKI~!
I LOVE YOU, GUYS~!
HOKI LOVE

Stop—
You must be my Lucky Star...
STOP!
LOOK AT ME~
IT WAS NO ONE BUT YOU!!!


GO HOK!!
HA... WHAT'S UP WITH THE LIVE PERFORMANCE? LOOK, SANGHYUNG. FOR TODAY'S POP STARS, THE ABILITY TO SING IS NO LONGER A NECESSITY. IT'S JUST AN OPTION.
RAP-DANCE, LOOKS OR HUMOR. ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS BE GOOD AT ONE OF THEM. WE'RE AT AN AGE WHERE EVERYONE IS DYING TO BREAK OUT OF THE STEREOTYPE, AND THE FORMULA FOR BEING A SINGER ISN'T AN EXCEPTION TO THE RULE. THERE'S NO ONE JACK POT CAN'T MAKE INTO A STAR. HE TURNED THOSE TALENT-LESS GEEKS INTO IDOLS. WHAT A GUY
GEEZ~ I REALLY CAN'T STAND THEIR SINGING. MAYBE THE RUMOR ABOUT SOMEONE ELSE RECORDING THEIR SONGS IS TRUE.
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE. MY EARS ARE GONNA BURST. LET'S LOOK FOR JACK POT INSTEAD. IT'S NOT YOUNGSOON &YOO I CAN'T STAND. BUT THIS STUPID ATMOSPHERE.
HE'S NOT IN THE DRESSING ROOM... WHERE IS HE? JACK POT, LET'S GO TO THE COFFEE SHOP OUT IN THE LOBBY. HEARD A LOT OF PRODUCERS AND MANAGERS HOLD MEETINGS THERE.
LET'S JUST GO!
THE ONES WHO REALLY WANTED TO SEE THE LIVE SHOW WEREN'T ABLE TO GET IN... AND FRANKLY I'M NOT INTERESTED.

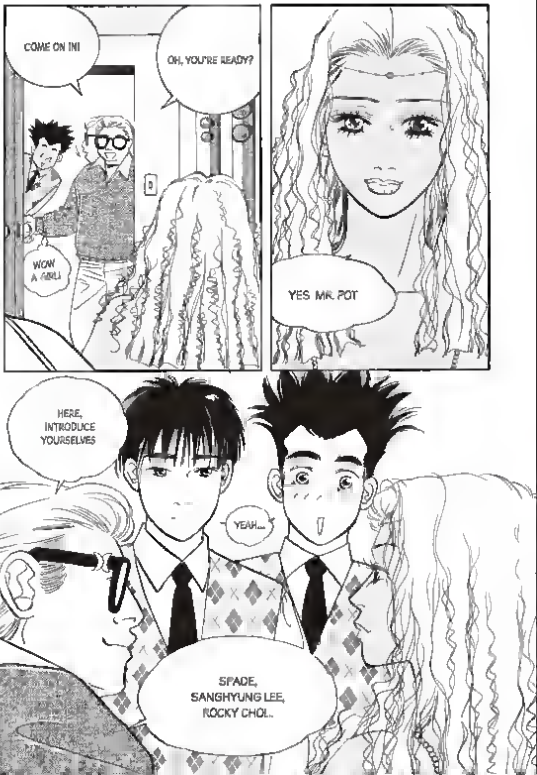
HEY, YOU-! STATIC HAIR~ DINOSAUR HEAD!
ARE THEY FILMING SESAME STREET SOMEWHERE?
ET...SO CAMERA IS RUN!
YOU SEE A DINOSAUR HERE, SANGHYUNG?!
YOU! I MEAN YOU! STATIC HAIR! THE GUY NEXT TO YOU WITH A SMALL HEAD THAT LOOKS LIKE A DINOSAUR AND YOU!
ARE THEY TALKING TO US?
I THINK SO...

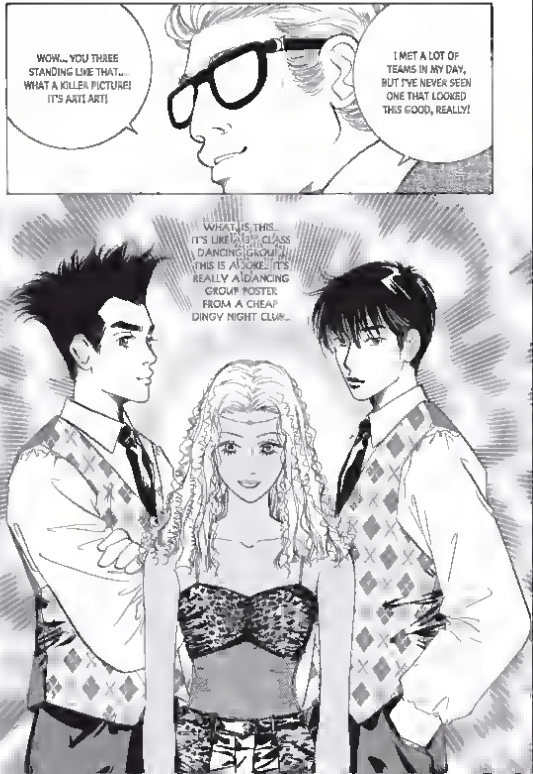
TALENT-LESS GEEKS? WHERE THE F@#K DO YOU GET OFF SAYING THINGS LIKE THAT? YOU MUST BE THE ONES WIPING JOYS' ASSES. YOU WANNA PASS OUT RIGHT HERE?
PLAYING DIRTY, TALKING TRASH BEHIND OUR BACK. I'M GONNA WIPE THOSE JOYS OUT! THOUGHT THEY COULD GET AWAY WITH BAD MOUTHING HOKI, HUH? TELL 'EM TO SHUT UP!
AH... I'M FEELING A LANGUAGE BARRIER HERE... WHAT ARE THESE GIALS TALKING ABOUT? SANGHYUNG... MY HEAD S SPINNING...
OOF
YOU COME WITH US YOU F@#KERS! WE LL TEACH YOU. CHOONJA, DO AND GET THE KIDS!
GOT IT!
WHAT ARE YOU GIRLS DOING! WHY ARE YOU MAKING ALL THIS COMMOTION INSIDE THE STATION? THIS ISN'T A PLAYGROUND!
MR. POT!
MR. JACK POT!

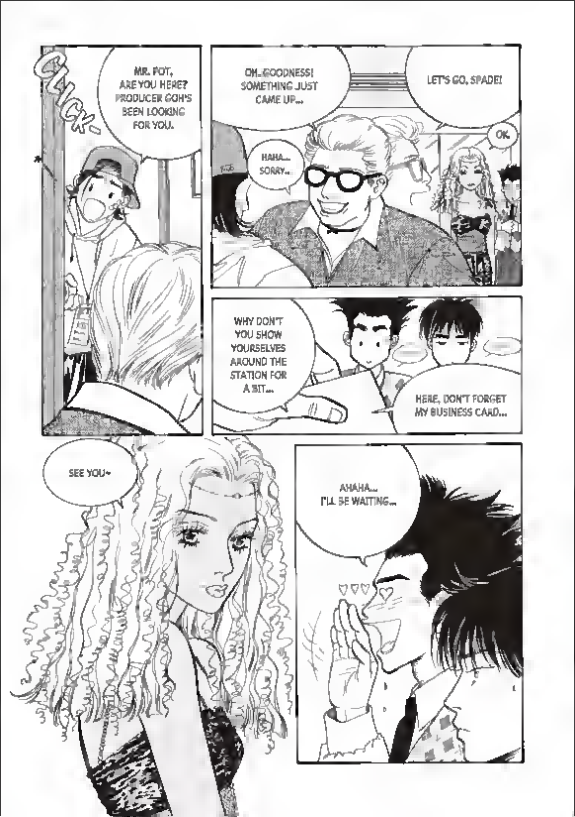

MR. POT- THE JOY GROUP SENT A SPY AND CALLED HIM TALENT-LESS GEEKS.
THAT STATIC HAIR AND DINOSAUR HEAD MADE A SCENE CALLING CHUNG-E'S SONG STUPID AND STUFF.
WE NEED TO PUNISH THEM. THEY'RE SO LOW! ALWAYS PICKING A FIGHT LIKE THIS. TAKE SOME LEGAL MEASURES OR SOMETHING SO THEY DON'T DO THIS ANYMORE.
YADDA
YADDA
YADDA
YADDA
YADDA
CHIRP CHIRP
THAT'S HIM, RIGHT?
YEAH.
WE'RE ON AIR NOW. BE QUIET! QUIET!

IF YOU ACT LIKE BABIES AGAIN I'LL REALLY BE ANGRY...GO ON HOME. TODAY...I'M LETTING YOU...
OH... IT'S YOU!
HELLO.

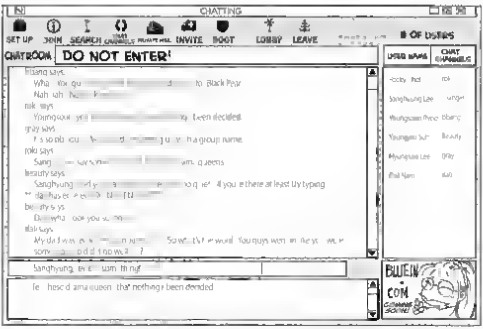
DO YOU KNOW HOW LONG I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU! WHY DID YOU COME SO LATE?!
MY FRIEND...
AH... AND WHO'S THIS NICE FELLOW NEXT TO YOU?
HELLO! THE NAME IS ROCKY CHOI.
THIS...WILL MAKE A GREAT PICTURE...
HA
HA
YOU TWO, FOLLOW ME.
YUP!
WH, WHAT? WHO ARE THEY?
MR. JACK POT'S SMILING FROM EAR TO EAR.
MAYBE WE MADE A BAD MISTAKE... HERE...


COME ON IN!
OH, YOU'RE READY?
WOW A GIRL!
YES, MR. POT
HERE, INTRODUCE YOURSELVES
YEAH...
SPADE, SANGHYUNG LEE, ROCKY CHOI...


WOW... YOU THREE STANDING LIKE THAT... WHAT A KILLER PICTURE! IT'S ART! ART!
I MET A LOT OF TEAMS IN MY DAY, BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE THAT LOOKED THIS GOOD, REALLY!
WHAT IS THIS... IT'S LIKE A 1ST CLASS DANCING GROUP! THIS IS A JOKE... IT'S REALLY A DANCING GROUP POSTER FROM A CHEAP DINGY NIGHT CLUB...

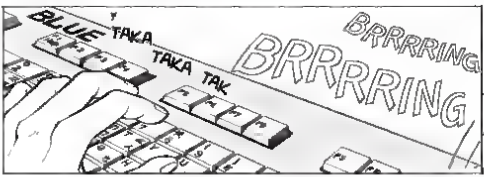

CLICK-
MR. POT, ARE YOU HERE? PRODUCER GOH'S BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU.
OH...GOODNESS! SOMETHING JUST CAME UP...
LET'S GO, SPADE!
OK.
HAHA... SORRY...
WHY DON'T YOU SHOW YOURSELVES AROUND THE STATION FOR A BIT...
HERE, DON'T FORGET MY BUSINESS CARD...
SEE YOU~
AHAHA... I'LL BE WAITING...

STOP DROOLING...
ARE WE GONNA BE IN THE SAME GROUP AS THAT CUTE GIRL? HAHAHA... ISN'T SHE REALLY PRETTY?
WHAT'S THIS... NO AUDITION, NO TEST AND WE'RE GOOD TO GO? WHAT A JOKE...
...THAT SPADE GIRL... DOESN'T SHE SEEM LIKE THE BLACK VERSION OF THE MAJOR PRINCESS? SHE'S AN ATTRACTIVE BLACK SWAN... I'M DRAWN TO HER...
ROCKY CHOI, YOU GET DRAWN TO ANY WOMAN... YOU HUMAN MAGNET.
JEEZ...



Ibbang says.
They re gonna be the page boys for a no name called spadel > <
nikki says.
Gists p and scandal c eme from reporters ke youngsoon.
dali says:
Come on, what's really going on?
shangel says.
We're going to have a formal audition next week.
beauty says.
Hah! You answered my question, but Dal's TT
dali says:
t e de decided then

Yeah Da She's always the oh girl A g A



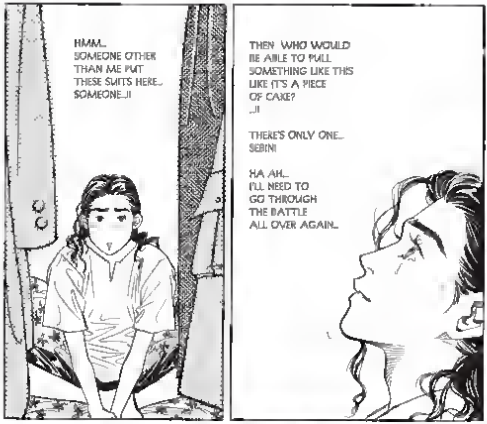
HELLO... OH...
IT'S ME.
TEACHER!
WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU'RE GIVING ME A CALL. WHY AM I SO LUCKY?
YOU'RE STARTING TO MISS ME AGAIN. SHOULD I RUN OVER THERE? HAHAHA... SORRY.
I'M ORGANIZING MY ROOM FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A WHILE, AND WHY DO I HAVE ALL THESE CLOTHES THAT AREN'T MINE? THEY'RE YOURS, AREN'T THEY? THEY STILL HAVE THE PRICE TAGS... WHEN DID YOU BRING THEM OVER?
AND YOUR STYLE'S SO... WHY WOULD A KID LIKE YOU WEAR SUITS? YOU HAVE A LOT OF VARIETY HERE, ON TOP OF THAT...
ALMOST ALL OF THEM ARE IMPORTED! DESIGNER BRANDS... HOW MANY ZEROS DO WE HAVE HERE... GEEZ.

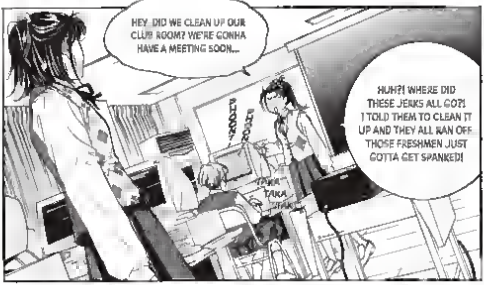
TEN, HUNDRED, THOUSAND...?!
*COLOR WHITE/BLACK-R
*SIZE L
*PRICE ₩2,000,000
ROCKY YOU LITTLE...! JUST BECAUSE IT'S YOUR PARENTS' MONEY YOU THINK YOU CAN SPEND IT ON A SPENDING SPREE LIKE THIS?! YOU WANNA DIE???
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT MS. O?
I RAN AWAY FROM HOME, I DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING WITH ME. I ONLY HAD MY SCHOOL UNIFORM ON WHEN I WENT OVER TO YOUR HOUSE. I BORROWED YOUR SHORTS AND WE WENT TO THE SUPERMARKET TOGETHER TO BUY ME SOME UNDERWEAR. WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
BESIDES, I DON'T LIKE SUITS, UNLESS IT'S FOR SOME FAMILY FUNCTION. I DON'T EVEN TOUCH THE STUFF! AND I NEVER SPEND RECKLESSLY BECAUSE I THINK IT'S MY PARENTS' MONEY. I EARN MY SPENDING MONEY FROM A PART TIME JOB. YOU'RE SO MEAN!
THEN WHOSE ARE THESE?
I DON'T REMEMBER BUYING ANY OF THIS!
IF YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE CLOTHES IN YOUR OWN CLOSET WHO WOULD? IT'S EITHER THAT OR SOMEONE PUT IT IN THERE WITHOUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE... ANYWAY IT WASN'T ME!
AM I... GOING SENILE ALREADY?

bbang says:
What happened to Rocky? Maybe he's sleeping
beauty says.
Whos going to close the chat session then?
gray says
Sanghyung, call h m
shangel says
Lines busy
bbang says:
Caught him. He's talking to some g rl!
gray says.
Let's not include him again. His e-manners are damn
rude >-<!

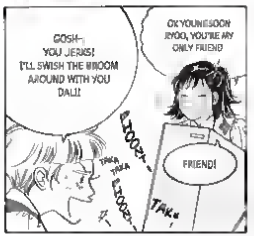
roki says
I'm talking to Mr. O. _ _ bbang, your melodrama has reached a new level
beauty says.
Orion! Tell him to come in!=^o^
bbang says.
Teacher come join us~ ~~~!^^^

I WAS CHATTING WITH THE KIDS ONLINE. THEY REALLY WANT YOU TO COME JOIN US NOW. COME INTO NEOEDEN. THE CHATROOM'S CALLED (DON'T COME IN!)
MY COMPUTER'S A BIT SICK. IT'S GETTING SOME INPATIENT TREATMENT. I'LL JOIN YOU GUYS NEXT TIME.


HMM...
SOMEONE OTHER THAN ME PUT THESE SUITS HERE... SOMEONE...!!
THEN WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO PULL SOMETHING LIKE THIS LIKE IT'S A PIECE OF CAKE? ...!!
THERE'S ONLY ONE... SEBIN!
HA AH... I'LL NEED TO GO THROUGH THE BATTLE ALL OVER AGAIN...
HEHE... THIS ISN'T BAD! THE PICTURES OF THE GROUP MEMBERS KEEP ROTATING IN HIS GLOBE HAT-SO THE LOADING TIME ISN'T BORING...
NOW Loading
START
THIS IS MORE FUN 'CAUSE IT'S IN CARTOONS! HOW DID HE FIND AN ARTIST TO DO THIS? ORION KNOWS MORE PEOPLE THAN WE THOUGHT... HE'S ON GOOD TERMS WITH THE WEB DESIGNER TOO...


HEY, DID WE CLEAN UP OUR CLUB ROOM? WE'RE GONNA HAVE A MEETING SOON...
HUH?! WHERE DID THESE JERKS ALL GO?! I TOLD THEM TO CLEAN IT UP AND THEY ALL RAN OFF. THOSE FRESHMEN JUST GOTTA GET SPANKED!
TAKA TAKA TAKA

DALI, YOUNGJOO SUH! HURRY UP AND CLEAN THE ROOM. YOU GUYS ARE IN CHARGE OF THAT TODAY ANYWAY...
WHY ME AGAIN? LAST WEEK I HAD TO CLEAN UP BECAUSE THE MAJOR PRINCESS WAS ABSENT!
THEN YOU WANT ME TO DO IT BY MYSELF? HUH?


GOSH~ YOU JERKS! I'LL SWISH THE WROOM AROUND WITH YOU DALI!
OK YOUNESOON JOO, YOU'RE MY ONLY FRIEND!
FRIEND!
TAKA TAKA
SWOOSH
TAKA

JUST GO AND SWEEP THE FLOORS FIRST. I'LL MOP THIS UP IN NO TIME. I'M ALMOST DONE HERE. IT'S LEVEL 12.
THAT WAS CLOSE!
SWOOSH

THIS ONE'S IMPORTED. IT'S PROBABLY YOUR FIRST TIME...
LET ME SEE
SLAM
YIKES
HALT
WHAT THE FRICK!
CAN'T YOU KNOCK? FRICK... WHY YOU SURPRISE PEOPLE LIKE THAT?
HEY, LOOK WHO'S HERE. IT'S DALI NAM!
WE WERE GONNA DROP IN ON HER, BUT SHE SAVED US THE TROUBLE BY FINDING US HERSELF...
YEAH...

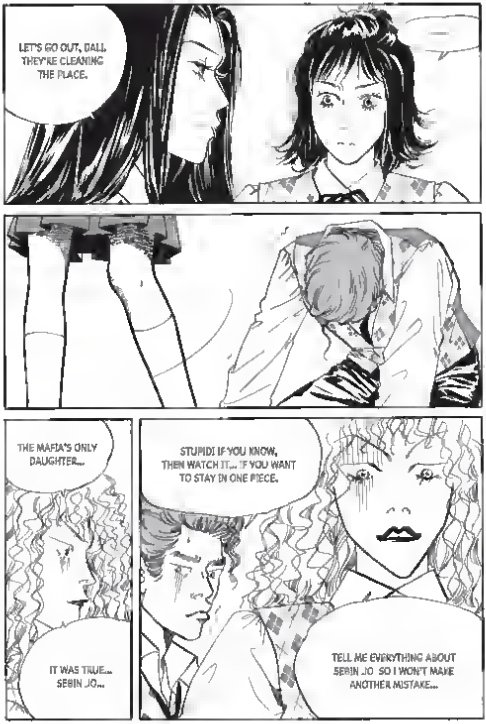
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN OUR ROOM? TAKE YOUR CIGARETTES AND LEAVE!
YOU F#@K! YOU OWN THIS ROOM? DID YOU BUY IT FROM THE SCHOOL? F#@KING BITW#! THEY SAY BEING NOSY IS A DISEASE, I THINK IT'S PROBABLY TRUE!
KLOMK
GLAD YOU'RE HERE. I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA LOSE MY SCALP LAST TIME. I'LL SHOW YOU HOW THAT FEELS! CLUBS, LOCK THE DOOR!
OKAY!
HOO HOO

CLANG
BAM
OW!
ACKK... MY NOSE, MY NOSE! I'M BLEEDING!
WHAT THE F#@K! YOU WANNA DIE BITCH?
SEBIN JOI
GIVE ME THAT-
THWAP
GAAH!

SE, SEBIN JO...
SORRY I DIDN'T KNOW THIS WAS YOUR CLUB ROOM!
PUT OUT THE CIGARETTE.
SO SORRY! WE WERE SHOCKED, AND SO WE MADE A MISTAKE...
OPEN UR YOUR POCKET
WHY...?
POUR EVERYTHING IN THAT ASHTRAY INTO YOUR POCKET!
I'LL THROW IT OUTSIDE...
POUR IT IN.

THE PLACES YOU STEPPED ON OR SAT DOWN IN... I WANT YOU TO CLEAN IT ALL... GET EVERYTHING DONE IN 20 MINUTES.
O, OK... DON'T WORRY!
YOU THINK YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH DOING THIS TO YOUR OWN GANG?!
AK!

SLAP
SHUT UP!
DIAMOND!
QUIT ACTING LIKE A DUMBASS!
WE'RE VERY SORRY. I'LL MAKE SURE SOMETHING LIKE THIS NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN!


LET'S GO OUT, DALI. THEY'RE CLEANING THE PLACE.
THE MAFIA'S ONLY DAUGHTER...
IT WAS TRUE... SEBIN JO...
STUPID! IF YOU KNOW, THEN WATCH IT... IF YOU WANT TO STAY IN ONE PIECE.
TELL ME EVERYTHING ABOUT SEBIN JO SO I WON'T MAKE ANOTHER MISTAKE...

HAVE YOU HEARD? SEIRIN JO... SHE'S THE DAUGHTER OF A GANG LEADER... THE BIGGEST MAFIA IN OUR COUNTRY! IF YOU RUB THEM THE WRONG WAY, THEY'LL GET RID OF YOU WITHOUT ANYONE KNOWING ABOUT IT. ISN'T THAT SCARY?
REALLY? WOW- THAT'S REALLY AWFUL! CAN'T BELIEVE THAT WE'RE GOING TO SCHOOL WITH HER.
SO SHE'S THE PRINCESS OF DARKNESS...
NOW NO ONE CAN TICK HER OFF...
.....
HER POOR SERVANT BOYS... THEY CAN'T APPROACH HER NOW...

IT'S SEBIN JO!!!
EEP!
IT'S THE PRINCESS I MEAN MISS SEBIN JO!!!
STAMPEDE
WE DIDN'T MEAN TO GET IN YOUR WAY! WE'LL BE CAREFUL! DON'T KILL US!
WE WERE HITTING ON HER NOT KNOWING SHE WAS THE BLACK PRINCESS!! WE'RE DEAD!
LET'S ALL CLEAR THE WAY FOR PRINCESS SEBIN! CLEAR THE WAY! I SAID!

COULD YOU HAVE IMAGINED? THAT PRETTY FACE IS THE DAUGHTER OF A MAFIA DON?
HEARD HER MOM USED TO BE A MODEL. OF COURSE SHE GOT CAUGHT UP WITH THE GANGS BECAUSE SHE GOT PREGNANT...

WHO LEAKED IT OUT? THE PRINCESS STORY, I MEAN...
THAT'S ANNOYING. DO I LOOK LIKE SOMEONE WHO HAS NOTHING BETTER TO DO THAN GO AROUND GOSSIPING? ME?
HYUNSOO LEE, IT'S NOT YOU IS IT?
THE STORIES ARE PRETTY SPECIFIC. THERE ARE THINGS WE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT...
IT'S SO SCARY THAT MAFIA GUY HIS SPECIALITY IS KILLING, I HEARD. EWWW~ GIVES ME GOOSEBUMPS. HE PROBABLY HELD HIS DAUGHTER WITH THE VERY HANDS THAT COMMITTED MURDER, I BET YOU
GEEZ... HEY! OF ALL THE THINGS YOU CAN THINK OF, WHY THAT? THAT'S SO TERRIFYING. SUT...
I FEEL SORRY FOR HER, THE PRINCESS, FOR SOME REASON.
.....

Pine Kiss

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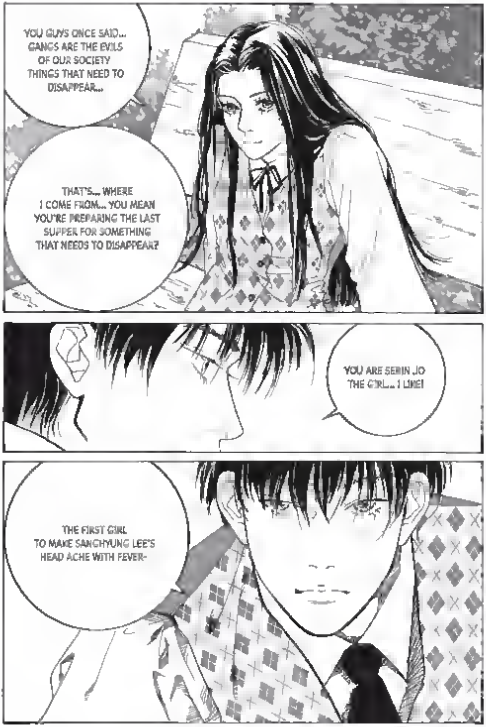
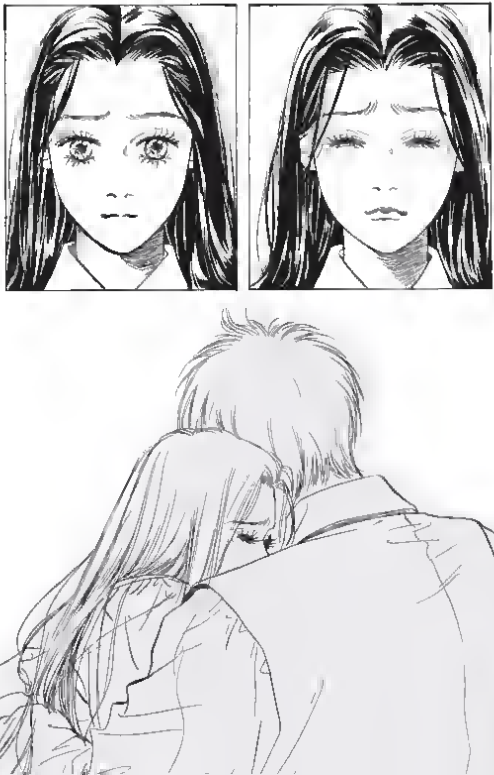
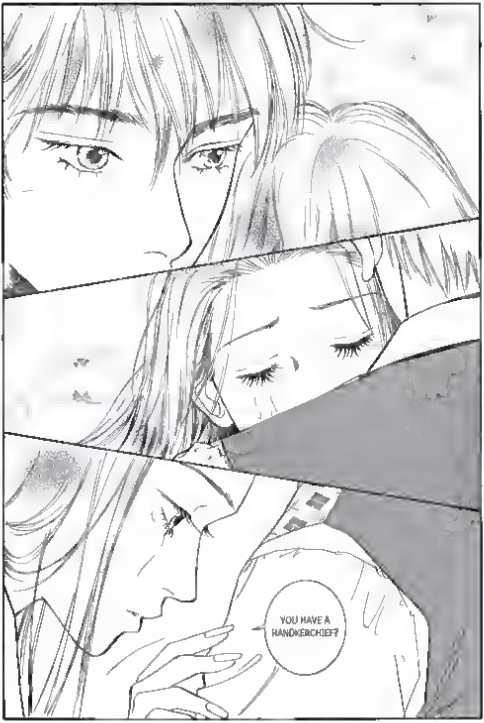
RUSH
ARE YOU FREE TOMORROW EVENING?
YOU'RE SLOW IN GETTING THE NEWS. HAVEN'T HEARD? WHO I AM?


YOU GUYS ONCE SAID... GANGS ARE THE EVILS OF OUR SOCIETY THINGS THAT NEED TO DISAPPEAR...
THAT'S... WHERE I COME FROM... YOU MEAN YOU'RE PREPARING THE LAST SUPPER FOR SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO DISAPPEAR?
YOU ARE SEIIN JO THE GIRL... I LIKE!
THE FIRST GIRL TO MAKE SANGHYUNG LEE'S HEAD ACHE WITH FEVER-




YOU HAVE A HANDKERCHIEF?

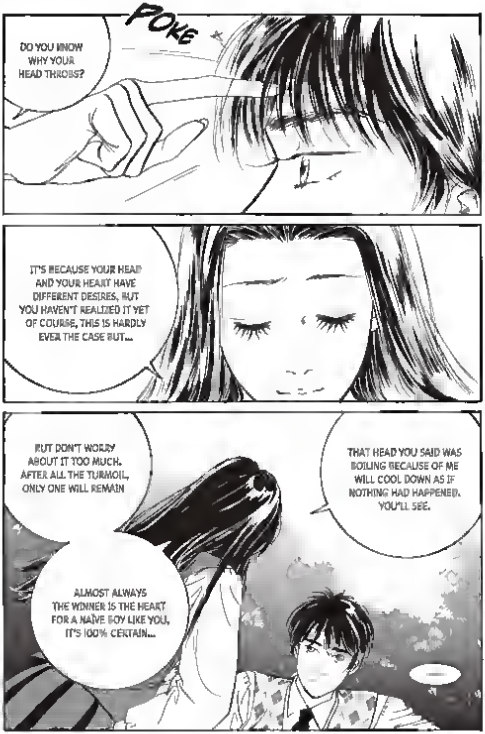
TAP
TAP
NNH
INSTEAD OF A HANDKERCHIEF...
SORRY. I DON'T USUALLY KEEP ONE WITH ME.
MY MOM WASHES THIS TIE EVERYDAY. IT'S CLEAN...
PBT-

THANKS.
SEBINI

HAVE DINNER AT MY PLACE TOMORROW
DON'T BE ALL COCKY JUST BECAUSE I CRIED ON YOUR SHOULDER THIS ONE TIME!
GUYS ARE ALL THE SAME!
TELL ME WHAT YOU LIKE. MOM SAID SHE'LL MAKE ANYTHING...
MOM?
SANGHYUNG LEE! WHY ARE YOU MAKING MY CHOICES FOR ME?! DID I ASK TO BE INVITED? IS THIS SOME SORT OF A PRE-WEDDING THING? INTRODUCING ME TO YOUR FAMILY?
.....

HMPH!
IT WOULD'VE BEEN THE FIRST BIRTHDAY I CELEBRATE WITH A GIRLFRIEND. MAN...
BIRTHDAY!
YOU HAVE LOTS OF GIRLFRIENDS! YOU SEEM REAL TIGHT WITH DALI NAM, TOO. SO YOU CAN CALL HER GANG OVER INSTEAD.
DON'T KEEP... LETTING DALI GET TO YOU. OUR... RELATIONSHIP ISN'T SOMETHING YOU SHOULD BE JEALOUS ABOUT

PWA HA HA
WRONG! YOUR PRINCE!
PLEASE PUT YOUR MIND AT EASE AND GO OUT WITH HER! SO ORION WON'T TIRE HIMSELF OUT.
.....
YOU... WON'T FEEL ANYTHING IF I GO WITH DALI?
.....
YOU ARE CONFESSING TO THE WRONG PERSON YOU STUPID BOY!


POKE
DO YOU KNOW WHY YOUR HEAD THROBS?
IT'S BECAUSE YOUR HEAD AND YOUR HEART HAVE DIFFERENT DESIRES, BUT YOU HAVEN'T REALIZED IT YET OF COURSE, THIS IS HARDLY EVER THE CASE BUT...
BUT DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT TOO MUCH. AFTER ALL THE TURMOIL, ONLY ONE WILL REMAIN
THAT HEAD YOU SAID WAS BOILING BECAUSE OF ME WILL COOL DOWN AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED. YOU'LL SEE.
ALMOST ALWAYS THE WINNER IS THE HEART FOR A NAÏVE BOY LIKE YOU, IT'S 100% CERTAIN...

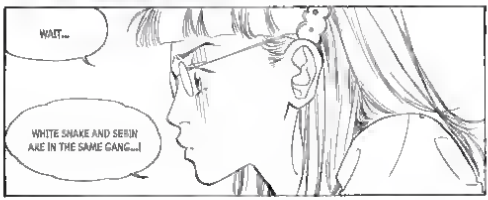
I DON'T REALLY WANT TO, BUT... I CAN EVEN KILL YOU.
YOU MADE ME FEEL BETTER JUST NOW AND...
AND THERE'S NO BETTER WAY TO GET RID OF A RIVAL THAN
YOU LIKE DALI!

OF COURSE... I LIKE HER...
NOT AS A GIRL, BUT AS A FRIEND?
YEAH...
YOU EVEN HAVE THAT IN COMMON WITH HER, HUH? YOU GUYS ARE HYPOCRITES, BUT YOU BOTH DON'T REALIZE IT.

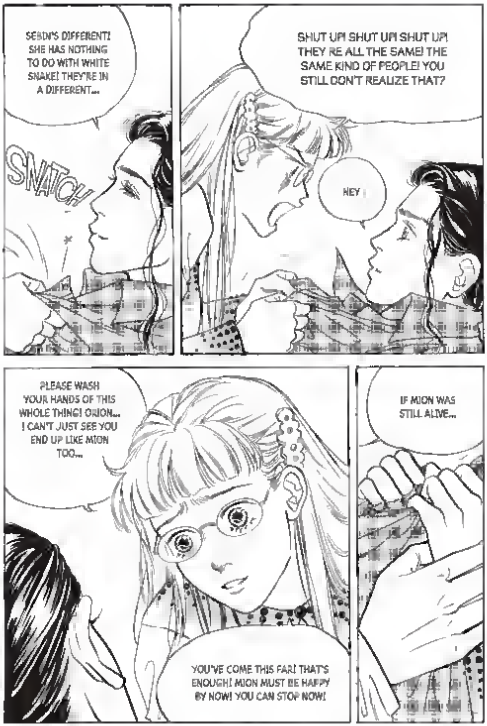
I.. LIKE.. DALI..
AS A GIRL..?

I... PRETTY MUCH KNEW.
YOU... KNEW ABOUT IT?
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? THEN THE RUMORS ARE TRUE?
HOW MUCH OF IT IS TRUE? HOW MUCH IS "PRETTY MUCH"? TELL ME EXACTLY, MR. ORION!
DON'T MAKE ME NERVOUS, YOU... YOU KNOW VERY WELL WHAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT!

I MET SAJUNE BAEK A WHILE AGO. WE JUST RAN INTO EACH OTHER, BUT...
WHITE SNAKE JUNE? WHY ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THAT REPTILE? I WAS ASKING YOU ABOUT SEBIN...


WAIT...
WHITE SNAKE AND SEBIN ARE IN THE SAME GANG...!

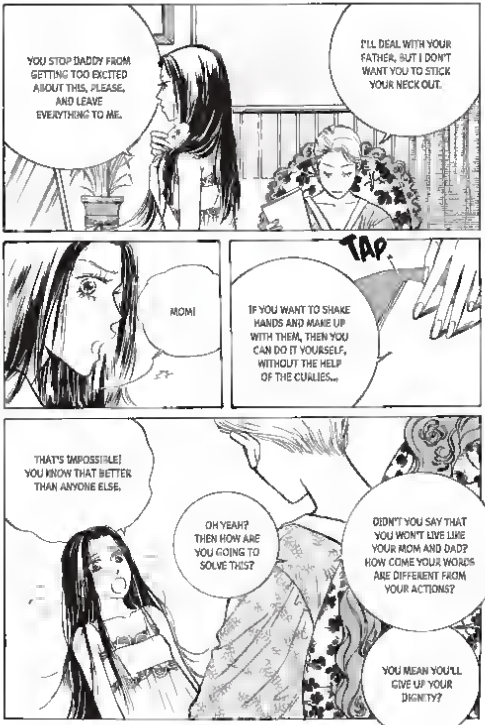
LET'S GO! SUBMIT YOUR RESIGNATION! QUIT THIS SCHOOL AND DON'T COME NEAR THIS PLACE!
AERI~
STUDY ABROAD OR IMMIGRATE. STAY FAR AWAY! THAT'LL BE BEST!
CALM DOWN AERI !

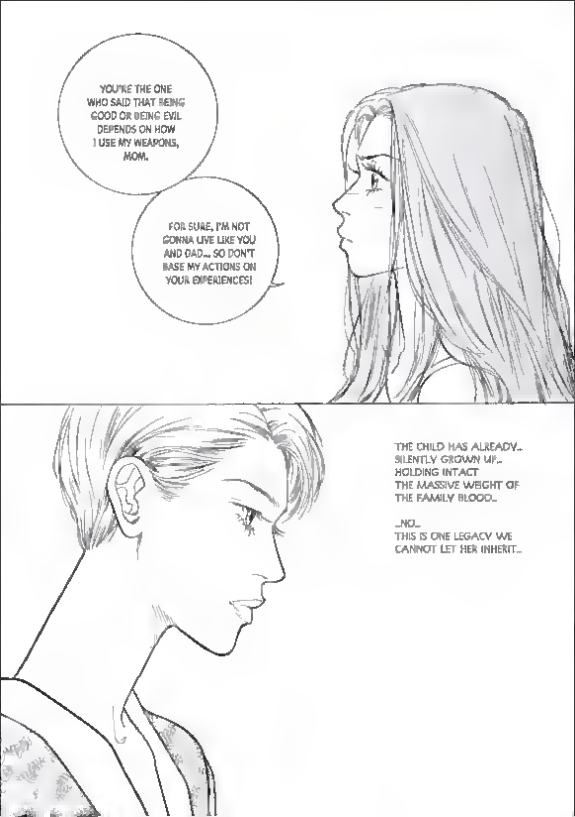

SEAN'S DIFFERENT! SHE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHITE SNAKE! THEY'RE IN A DIFFERENT...
SNATCH
SHUT UP! SHUT UP! SHUT UP! THEY RE ALL THE SAME! THE SAME KIND OF PEOPLE! YOU STILL DON'T REALIZE THAT?
HEY!
PLEASE WASH YOUR HANDS OF THIS WHOLE THING! ORION... I CAN'T JUST SEE YOU END UP LIKE MION TOO...
YOU'VE COME THIS FAR! THAT'S ENOUGH! MION MUST BE HAPPY BY NOW! YOU CAN STOP NOW!
IF MION WAS STILL ALIVE...

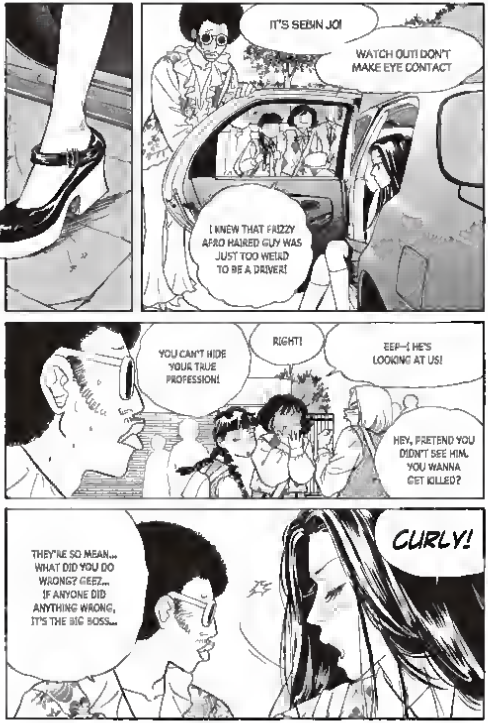
SHE WOULD'VE TOLD ME TO KEEP GOING AND NOT STOP HERE.
I HONESTLY CAN'T UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING YOU'RE SAYING, BUT I KNOW I SHOULDN'T BACK OFF NOW...
.....
DON'T WORRY. JUST GIVE ME SOME MORE TIME... TELLING ME TO PULL DOWN THE CURTAINS WHEN I JUST CAME UP TO THE STAGE IS TOO MUCH...
YOU HAVEN'T EVEN SEEN MY ACT YET...

WELL... I DON'T CARE. I–
I DON'T CARE WHAT THEY THINK ABOUT ME... AS LONG AS THEY LEAVE ME ALONE, I'M FINE WITH THAT.
THE WAY PEOPLE LOOK AT ME? IT'S NOT LIKE MY FIRST TIME GETTING THAT ANYWAY...

IF MR. ORION... IS THE ONLY REASON WHY YOU WANT TO KEEP GOING TO SCHOOL DESPITE ALL THE GOSSIP AND WEIRD LOOKS...
I CAN CERTAINLY THINK OF OTHER WAYS THAT YOU CAN BE WITH HIM. BESIDES, DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR YOUR RELATIONSHIP IF YOU COULD SEE HIM FREELY? THAT WAY YOU WON'T HAVE TO LIVE WITH ALL THESE RUMORS AND PREJUDICED OPINIONS.
HE WANTS TO BE IN SCHOOL AND I'M GOING TO BE WHEREVER ORION WANTS TO BE...
BESIDES, THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO RUN AWAY
...and
THIS THING... IF YOUR FATHER FINDS OUT, HE WON'T LET IT GO QUIETLY...

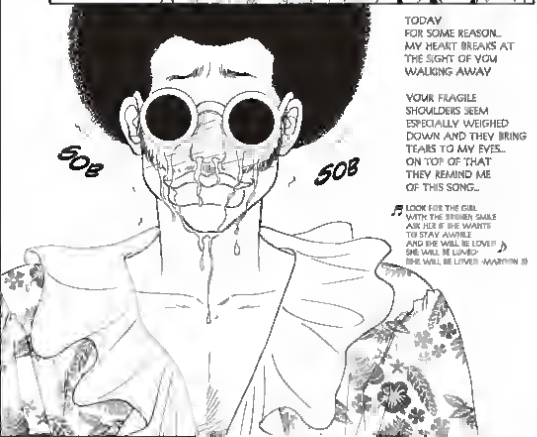

YOU STOP DADDY FROM GETTING TOO EXCITED ABOUT THIS, PLEASE, AND LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME.
I'LL DEAL WITH YOUR FATHER, BUT I DON'T WANT YOU TO STICK YOUR NECK OUT.
MOM!
TAP
IF YOU WANT TO SHAKE HANDS AND MAKE UP WITH THEM, THEN YOU CAN DO IT YOURSELF, WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE CUALIES...
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! YOU KNOW THAT BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE.
OH YEAH? THEN HOW ARE YOU GOING TO SOLVE THIS?
DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT YOU WON'T LIVE LIKE YOUR MOM AND DAD? HOW COME YOUR WORDS ARE DIFFERENT FROM YOUR ACTIONS?
YOU MEAN YOU'LL GIVE UP YOUR DIGNITY?


YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID THAT BEING GOOD OR BEING EVIL DEPENDS ON HOW I USE MY WEAPONS, MOM.
FOR SURE, I'M NOT GONNA LIVE LIKE YOU AND DAD... SO DON'T BASE MY ACTIONS ON YOUR EXPERIENCES!
THE CHILD HAS ALREADY... SILENTLY GROWN UP... HOLDING INTACT THE MASSIVE WEIGHT OF THE FAMILY BLOOD...
...NO... THIS IS ONE LEGACY WE CANNOT LET HER INHERIT...


IT'S SEBIN JO!
WATCH OUT! DON'T MAKE EYE CONTACT
I KNEW THAT FRIZZY AFRO HAIRED GUY WAS JUST TOO WEIRD TO BE A DRIVER!
YOU CAN'T HIDE YOUR TRUE PROFESSION!
RIGHT!
EEP--(HE'S LOOKING AT US!
HEY, PRETEND YOU DIDN'T SEE HIM. YOU WANNA GET KILLED?
CURLY!
THEY'RE SO MEAN... WHAT DID YOU DO WRONG? GEEZ... IF ANYONE DID ANYTHING WRONG, IT'S THE BIG BOSS...

I'M SORRY... HAVE A GOOD DAY AT SCHOOL, MISS...
I'LL GIVE YOU A CALL LATER, SO WAIT AT HOME. DON'T COME TO SCHOOL BEFORE THEN. YOU'LL JUST ATTRACT ATTENTION...

YES... MISS...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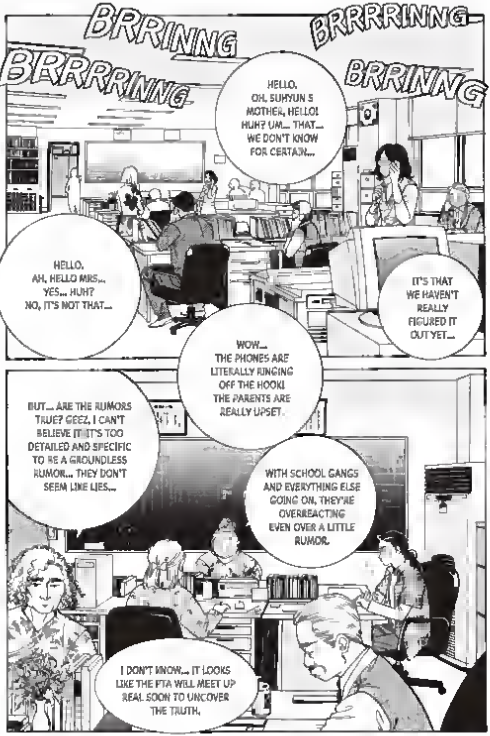
TODAY FOR SOME REASON... MY HEART BREAKS AT THE SIGHT OF YOU WALKING AWAY
YOUR FRAGILE SHOULDERS SEEM ESPECIALLY WEIGHED DOWN AND THEY BRING TEARS TO MY EYES... ON TOP OF THAT THEY REMIND ME OF THIS SONG...
♫ LOOK FOR THE GIRL WITH THE BROKEN SMILE ASK HER IF SHE WANTS TO STAY AWHILE AND SHE WILL BE LOVED! ♫
SHE WILL BE LONELY SHE WILL BE LOVED -MARVIN G


BRRINING
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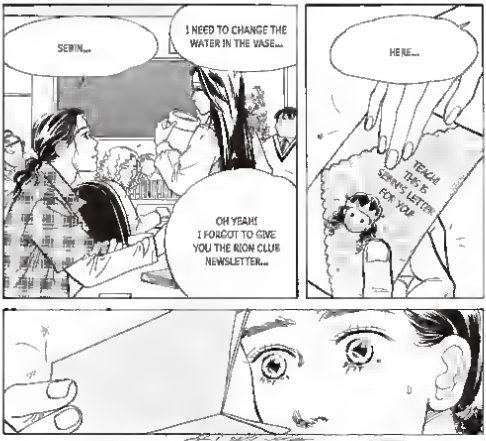
HELLO. OH, SUHYUN S MOTHER, HELLO! HUH? UM... THAT... WE DON'T KNOW FOR CERTAIN...
HELLO. AH, HELLO MRS... YES... HUH? NO, IT'S NOT THAT...
IT'S THAT WE HAVEN'T REALLY FIGURED IT OUT YET...
WOW... THE PHONES ARE LITERALLY RINGING OFF THE HOOK! THE PARENTS ARE REALLY UPSET.
BUT... ARE THE RUMORS TRUE? GEEZ, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! IT'S TOO DETAILED AND SPECIFIC TO BE A GROUNDLESS RUMOR... THEY DON'T SEEM LIKE LIES...
WITH SCHOOL GANGS AND EVERYTHING ELSE GOING ON, THEY'RE OVERREACTING EVEN OVER A LITTLE RUMOR.
I DON'T KNOW... IT LOOKS LIKE THE PTA WILL MEET UP REAL SOON TO UNCOVER THE TRUTH.

HUH? ...AH... WELL... THAT'S...
BRR BRR
HELLO TEACHER!
HELLO!
HELLO!
BOW!
GOOD MORNING!
H, HI!
Y...YEAH!
THAT PRETTY CHILD... NO ! CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
GOOD MORNING, MR. ORION! IT SEEMS LIKE TODAY'S WEATHER WILL BE GOOD TOO! THE SKY IS SO CLEAR!
OH YES, GOOD MORNING...


SEBIN...
I NEED TO CHANGE THE WATER IN THE VASE...
OH YEAH! I FORGOT TO GIVE YOU THE RION CLUB NEWSLETTER...
HERE...
TEACH! THIS IS SEBIN'S LETTER FOR YOU!

I THINK I'M GOING TO DIE, TEACHER...

PLEASE DON'T LET ME BE SWAYED BY THE TEMPTATION... I'LL BE AT THE HAEDAM PARK AFTER SCHOOL.

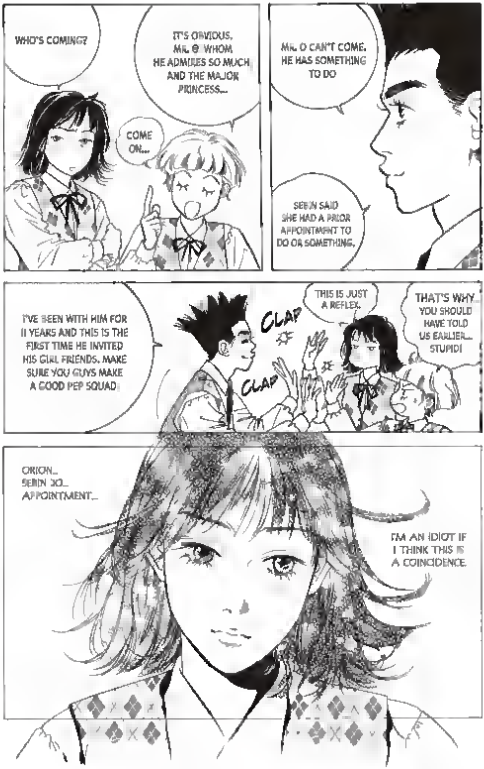
...I'LL WAIT UNTIL YOU COME TO MEET ME.

HER HIGHNESS THE MAJOR PRINCESS IS HOGGING EVERYTHING. AH... POOR ORION!
AND POORER DAL!... YOU'LL SUFFER EVEN MORE...
MR. O HAS A THING FOR BEING SYMPATHETIC. NOW HE'LL BE CONCENTRATING ON COMFORTING THE MAJOR PRINCESS. WHAT CAN WE DO— IT'S A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY GET REALLY CLOSE... WHAT CAN WE DO TO PUT THE BRAKES ON THEM?
THANKS TO ALL OF THIS, THE RION CLUB OR WHATEVER THAT COMEDY SHOW WAS CAME TO AN END. I'M GLAD THE FLOODING OF THE LOVE LETTERS STOPPED COMPLETELY. ORION MUST HAVE HAD A HEADACHE READING ALL THAT CHEESY CRAP
EH? PUTTING UP A BRAVE, CALM FRONT? OVERFLOWING WITH CONFIDENCE? THAT'S OUR DAL!
WHAM
HUH-I
WHY ONLY TWO OF YOU SISTAS? WHERE'S SANGHYUNG?

...SANGHYUNG? WHY ARE YOU ASKING US WHERE HE IS?
WERE YOU SUPPOSED TO MEET HIM HERE?
THAT BASTARD... HE SAID HE'LL TALK TO YOU GUYS DURING LUNCH. WHAT'S GOING ON?

ABOUT WHAT?
WELL... HE WANTED TO INVITE YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE, SO I THINK IT'LL BE OKAY FOR ME TO SPEAK FOR HIM...
HEH HEH
WHAT IS IT?
I ALREADY TOLD HYUNSOO AND YOUNGJOO ON MY WAY HERE...

SANGHYUNG LEE, ON HIS 16TH BIRTHDAY, IS INVITING HIS GIRL FRIENDS FOR DINNER FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS LIFE.
BIRTHDAY?
IT'S TODAY? HEY~! WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME NOW?!
SO DROP EVERYTHING AND LET'S ALL GO HAVE DINNER TOGETHER.


WHO'S COMING?
IT'S OBVIOUS. MR. O WHOM HE ADMIRES SO MUCH AND THE MAJOR PRINCESS...
COME ON...
MR. O CAN'T COME. HE HAS SOMETHING TO DO
SEIJIN SAID SHE HAD A PRIOR APPOINTMENT TO DO OR SOMETHING.
I'VE BEEN WITH HIM FOR 11 YEARS AND THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HE INVITED HIS GIRL FRIENDS. MAKE SURE YOU GUYS MAKE A GOOD PEP SQUAD!
CLAP
CLAP
THIS IS JUST A REFLEX.
THAT'S WHY... YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD US EARLIER... STUPID!
ORION... SEIJIN JO... APPOINTMENT...
I'M AN IDIOT IF I THINK THIS IS A COINCIDENCE.

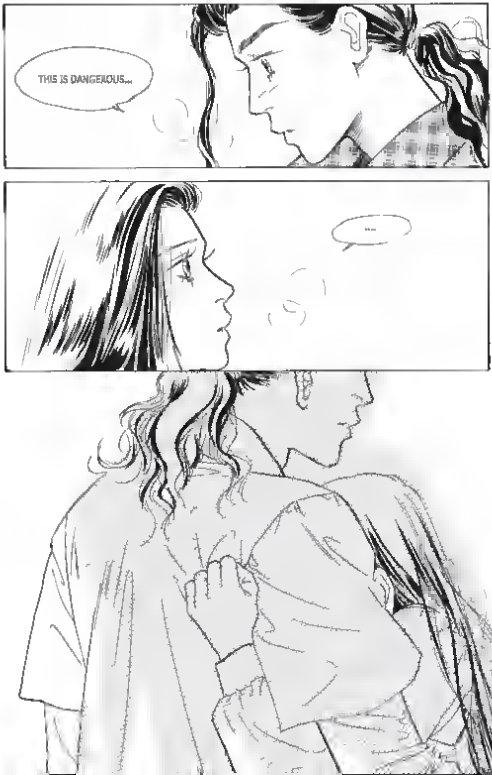
MISS... SHOULD I GO GET SOMETHING? AREN'T YOU HUNGRY?
THE TEACHER'S A BIT LATE...
THERE ARE ROWS OF CAFÉS HERE...
GO INSIDE AND WAIT COMFORTABLY WE CAN CALL HIM AND TELL HIM WHERE YOU ARE...
WOW! I CAN SEE EVERYTHING!
MISS?
I'M FINE. GO AND HAVE DINNER. JUST DON'T GO TOO FAR...
OK.
THIS IS NEAT! THAT'S A SEASIDE VILLAGE. THE COASTLINE IS SO BEAUTIFUL.
OK. POOR MISS. SHE'S PRETENDING TO BE HAPPY TO KILL HER SORROWS, ISN'T SHE?

COME ON IN OUR SOUP IS THE BEST!!
OUR SIDE DISHES ARE THE BEST TOO!! SO IS OUR PORTIONING!!
HEY YOU—GIRL! COME ON IN, OK?
HUH?
ME... ME?
NAME: JAEGU'S SOUPS
WHAT'S WRONG SIR? HUH? WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE SCARING ME...
HUFF
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO FINE. NOBODY'S FORCING YOU.
LADY...
HOW OLD DO I LOOK? LADY...
HEHE~
MY CUTEST LOOK
I DON'T KNOW... YOU MUST HAVE AT LEAST TWO KIDS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
THAT LOOK OVERLOOKS
THIRTY THREE? FOUR... FIVE? YOU CAN'T BE OVER FORTY, RIGHT?

WHAAAAAAAATTTTT~~?
WHY ARE YOU TURNING A TWENTY YEAR-OLD INTO AN ANCIENT GHOST? WHAT? FORTY?
HUH? YOUR SON S ALREADY TWENTY? YOU HAD AN ACCIDENT IN HIGH SCHOOL, DIDN'T YOU?
PWA HA HA HA
CLAP CLAP CLAP
OH MY GOD. I THINK I'M GONNA GO NUTS!
OOOH
MR.CURLY!
TEACHER~~!!!
HOW HAVE YOU BEEN? WHAT ABOUT YOUR WOUND? IS IT BETTER NOW?
HUH? THAT MUST BE HIS SON. A TEACHER AT TWENTY. THAT ACCIDENT SURE WAS WORTH IT
A WOUND TO THE FLESH LIKE MINE CAN ALWAYS BE HEALED WITH OINTMENT...BUT THERE'S NO MEDICINE FOR A WOUND TO THE HEART LIKE OUR MISS IS SUFFERING... PLEASE CONSOLE HER... EHE SKIPS MEALS... AND HER SHOULDERS ARE ALL SLUMPED... IT'S SO SAD I CAN'T BEAR TO SEE HER... *SOB*
...SURE...

WERE YOU WAITING LONG?
TEACHER!!!

THERE WAS AN EMERGENCY MEETING... I WAS GOING TO COME EARLIER BUT...
YOU'RE NOT LATE.
YOU CAME BEFORE I JUMPED OFF...
I HEARD THIS IS A VERY FAMOUS SPOT, THE SUICIDE OBSERVATORY...
TOTTER
-SEBIN!!


THIS IS DANGEROUS...
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